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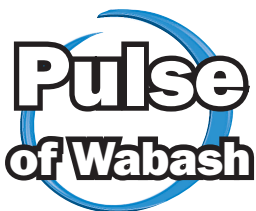
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## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 and Wednesday, March 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

## Series of in-person Imagine One 85 workshops rescheduled for early March

Originally planned for February, a series of in-person Imagine One 85 Focus on the Future sessions have been slated for early March by the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Grow Wabash County. Planned in-person sessions include 6 p.m. Monday, March 1 at the Roann Community Center, 105 N. Chippewa St., Roann; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March

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# Wabash County's COVID-19 advisory level lowered to yellow

## ISDH adds 659 'historical' deaths to long-term care facilities dashboard

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 75th Wabash County COVID-19 death.

Despite that, the local pos-

itivity rate has continued to slowly decline, which was reflected in the lowering of the advisory level from orange, the second-highest level, to yellow, the second-lowest level.

During a televised press conference Wednesday, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said "the color-coded county maps look the best they've looked in months."

The results are as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, Feb.

15. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

Wabash County's positivity rates have declined for several weeks, but because the ISDH insists "a county must remain at a lower (score) for two consecutive weeks to move down to a lower advisory level" this is the first week in several months the local advisory level has slipped below

orange.

During the same televised press conference Wednesday, Box said they wanted "to be transparent with our data and our data review."

"We are reporting data as fast and furious and we get it, but behind the scenes, we are in a constant review of that data," said Box. "We continue to review our death data to ensure that all deaths are accounted for and those

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# WACT plans spring comedy



Provided photo

"Love Letters" was Brett Robinson's directorial debut after having been featured in several recent WACT productions as an actor.

## Auditions for 'Play On!' set for this weekend

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Over Valentine's Day weekend, Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) returned to the stage with their production of "Love Letters" after several months of absence.

And, now the group is set to return with their spring comedy.

Eric Seaman said auditions for "Play On!" by Rick Abbot will take place this weekend.

Director Brett Robinson will hold tryouts from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and Sunday, Feb. 21 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St.

Performances have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

"Play On!" is a traditional comedy and also a show within a show," said Seaman. "The basic premise is a local community theater is presenting a murder mystery. The show begins somewhere around or near 'Hell Week' and there are a lot of problems. The stagehands have not completed some of the set. Actors don't have their lines memorized, and the writer of the show keeps changing the script."

Seaman said the show is split up into three acts.

"The first act is a rehearsal a week or two before the show. The second act is the dress rehearsal. And the third act is Opening Night," said Seaman.

Seaman said there are 10 roles in the show, three of which can be performed by either a male or female.

"Six of the actors will play two roles: their 'actor' role and the 'character' role in the 'show within the show, 'Murder Most Foul,'" said Seaman.

Seaman said the number of lines varies from 75 to 220, depending on the character.

"Please consider auditioning or encourage others you know to audition," said Seaman.

"Love Letters" was Robinson's directorial debut after having been featured in several recent WACT productions as an actor, including Felix Unger in the 2019 spring production of "The Odd Couple," the King in the fall 2018 musical "Once Upon a Mattress" and more.

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## Sign owner responds to North Manchester Town Council

### Jamie Griffin: Displaying 'F--- BIDEN' banner is their 'First Amendment right'

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The owner of what the North Manchester Town Council described as a "vulgar" sign responded Thursday, saying it was their "First Amendment right."

During the council's regular monthly meeting earlier this month, several members expressed concern over the banner, which hangs on a wooden fence facing South Market Street and reads: "F--- BIDEN AND F--- YOU FOR VOTING FOR HIM!"

In response to Plain Dealer message left in their mailbox Thursday, the sign's owner, Jamie Griffin, said they "do not consider our banner a political sign as we are not requesting a vote for President Biden."

"Therefore we would have to answer we've never had a political sign or banner displayed," said Griffin.

Griffin said they purchased the 17-inch by 98-inch banner on Amazon on Jan. 7.

"We haven't quite decided how long to keep it up. It's never crossed our mind on a time frame," said Griffin.

Griffin said they had received one letter which expressed dislike of the sign, but otherwise, the response had been positive.

"We've received compliments and supportive gestures from a couple of our neighbors," said Griffin. "We haven't witnessed anyone on our home security camera trying to steal it."

During the meeting earlier this month, several councilmembers, including District 3 councilmember Tom Dale, said they wanted to encourage local groups, including churches, to publicly request the sign's removal.

"It's not threatening," said Griffin. "It's a banner that states our opinion about President Biden. We don't know why we would be approached."

Griffin said they would

# Commissioners oppose proposed state control of wind, solar standards

## House Bill 1381 passed Indiana House on Thursday and heads next to the Indiana Senate

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A bill that sets out statewide wind and solar standards is making its way through the Statehouse, and local governments, including Wabash County, are standing in opposition.

At Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, councilmembers unanimously approved a resolution opposing House Bill 1381, which was sponsored by Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso. If passed, the bill would establish default standards for such projects including setback requirements, height restrictions, shadow flicker limitations, signal interference and sound

level limitations.

The language of the resolution passed Monday came from the Association of Indiana Counties and expresses "support for local control of land-use decisions."

"The state of Indiana consists of diverse communities, each with its own needs and opportunities," stated the resolution. "Counties have created and implemented plans for development that provides the new investment and additional employment that is desired by the citizens of the county, and in many instances, the desired development has included wind or solar projects."

The resolution opposes state control of these choices, and stated that "decisions

regarding wind and solar development are best made by the citizens living in the community."

"If enacted, such legislation would disenfranchise the citizens of the ability to determine the conditions under which wind energy and solar energy projects would be allowed in the county," stated the resolution. "Communities would be compelled to allow wind and solar projects under conditions dictated by others living outside the community."

HB 1381 was originally referred to the Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications when it was first introduced on Jan. 14.

"I understand there are many community members who feel strongly about this legislation, and they have reached out to me with their input," said Rep. Craig Snow,

R-Warsaw, on Tuesday. "At this time, it is expected some aspects of the proposal will be amended before it is eligible for a third and final vote in the House of Representatives. I look forward to hearing the testimony and discussing the proposed changes as I continue to weigh the pros and cons of this legislation."

On Tuesday, several attempts to make amendments to the language of the had been filed by lawmakers, with several failing. One amendment which was accepted was put forward by Rep. Sharon Negele, R-Attica, which, among other changes, added language exempting projects submitted before July 1.

"On its face, it seems to be a bold transfer of responsibility from local to state," said Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, on Tuesday. "This is something that I am generally not in fa-

vor of."

During a televised press conference Wednesday, Gov. Eric Holcomb said he wanted "to make sure we have a statewide, attractive, all of the above approach to our energy sources, balancing that with local decision-making."

"It will be very important to see what the criteria is, what language restricts or allows locals to continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of their locality," he said. "Thankfully, our energy policy as we move forward has been all of the above, has been diversified. We want to make sure the local farmer who is trying to maximize their acreage and also keep in mind their neighbors have the ability to do that while at the same making sure we're a great state for continuing

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# Cathedral invites evangelical to preach, triggers firestorm

Halfway between Norway and the North Pole, scientists have buried a million seeds and crop samples under a mountain in the Svalbard archipelago – in case an environmental doomsday comes to pass.

**Terry Mattingly**



That strategy rings true during “this crazy, chaotic season,” when so many are anxious about the coronavirus pandemic, climate change, lost jobs, surging debts and the bitter state of public life, said evangelical megachurch leader Max Lucado in a recent sermon streamed online by the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

“Most of us can’t hide out in a bunker, yet threats of calamity may make us try to do so,” he said. “If the wrong person pushes the wrong red button – it’s enough to make a person purchase a plane ticket to Svalbard.”

But there was a problem. While pre-service publicity stressed that Lucado’s books have sold more than 120 million copies and Christianity Today has called him “America’s pastor,” this invitation alarmed legions of Episcopalians opposed to his history of orthodoxy on sex and marriage. His sermon about God offering comfort in the midst of chaos avoided hot-button topics, but his cathedral appearance triggered an online storm.

Before the event, the Very Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith linked the Lucado invitation to the cathedral’s history of hosting a variety of religious leaders. This has included evangelicals

such the late Billy Graham, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and megachurch leader Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Southern California.

“When we only engage with those with whom we agree on every issue, we find ourselves in a dangerous (and lonely) place,” wrote the cathedral’s dean. “That means this cathedral, and this pulpit, are big enough and strong enough to welcome pastors, rabbis, imams, clergy of every faith. ... It does not mean we agree with everything they might believe, but it does mean that we exhibit and inhabit a sense of open-handed welcome.”

However, Hollerith issued a formal apology in response to the online backlash, noting: “In my straight privilege, I failed to see and fully understand the pain (Lucado) has caused. I failed to appreciate the depth of injury his words have had on many in the LGBTQ community. I failed to see the pain I was continuing. I was wrong.”

While Lucado is known as an evangelical moderate, Episcopalians were outraged by a 2004 sermon and online commentary stating that he “categorically opposes” gay marriage, as well as his conviction that “homosexual activity” is a sin. Lucado wrote he believes sexual behaviors can be changed “with simultaneous compassion and conviction.”

“Nothing can separate us from the love of God,” he wrote. “This includes homosexuality. Jesus loves his gay children. He made them ... and died for them.”

Bishop Mariann Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington also issued a statement, stressing that she had assumed “Max

Lucado no longer believed the painful things he said in 2004.” To those hurt by the cathedral’s actions, she said: “I made you feel at risk and unwelcome in your spiritual home.”

The bishop’s apology included samples from the many protest letters she received, such as this one: “If you are not hearing and seeing the LGBTQIA+ Episcopalians and allies who are saying, ‘I’m not sure I’m safe, I’m not sure I belong, I’m not sure I can trust the leadership of this denomination, I’m not sure I should keep sharing my gifts in this institution’ ... then perhaps you need to do some prayerful looking and listening. ... What people see and hear is that Episcopal church leaders claim to have their backs, but do things that hurt them.”

In an additional peace-making move, Hollerith contacted retired New Hampshire Bishop Gene Robinson – the first openly gay Episcopal Church bishop – and asked him to preside, in person, at the Feb. 7 cathedral worship service that included Lucado’s prerecorded sermon.

During the announcements, Robinson told the online flock to focus on the positive.

“The world isn’t perfect yet, and there’s a lot of work to be done,” he said. “There are a lot of conversations to be had with people like Rev. Lucado. But we know how it’s going to end. And at least for me, it gives me permission to be just a bit gentler, to be an instrument of God’s grace. I know we’ve won.”

*Terry Mattingly leads Get Religion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*

### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 27 / 16	<b>Sunday</b> Chance Snow 37 / 30	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy 34 / 24	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy 40 / 31	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 41 / 32

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:25 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:27 a.m.

Full 2/27	Last 3/5	New 3/13	First 3/21

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 27°, humidity of 78%. South wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 16°. Southeast wind 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 10°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 35% chance of snow, high of 37°, humidity of 78%.

## The gift

By **JOE SCLAFANI**

Recovery is a gift that is given to us by the Lord. At a meeting recently someone defined recovery as an addiction in remission. Whether you have an addiction to drugs or alcohol, food, pornography or gambling. Perhaps someone is codependent, trying to rebuild spiritually after suffering emotionally. We receive a daily reprieve from our addiction; this is dependent on our spiritual condition.

The gift of recovery comes to us in the form of what I call a spiritual toolbox, some of the tools are the principles that we learn as we work through the steps.

The principles are honesty, hope, faith, courage,

integrity, willingness, humility, brotherly love, justice, perseverance, spiritual awareness, and service. These principles are the guardrails that keep someone whose goal it is to have a transformed life, on the path.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 ESV) This passage in Romans tells me that I am not to be conformed to this world but be transformed, it also tells me that is done by the renewing of my mind. In the book, “Alcoholics Anonymous” on page 143 it reads, “To get over drinking will

require a transformation of thought and attitude.” God wants us to be transformed and the writers of the book Alcoholics Anonymous recognize the necessity of a transformation.

Like the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) we cannot manifest these principles in our life they are the result of God’s work in us.

The steps of the program of recovery are biblical principles that God has given as a gift. This gift has and is transforming my life. My prayer is that all will be willing to see the benefit to them in their way, and through this year apply the principles to their life.

*Joe Sclafani is the executive director at New Beginnings Ministries of Wabash.*

# Biden tours Pfizer vaccine plant as weather delays 6M shots

By **ZEKE MILLER and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press

PORTAGE, Mich. — President Joe Biden toured a state-of-the-art coronavirus vaccine plant Friday as extreme winter weather across broad swaths of the U.S. handed his vaccination campaign its first major setback, delaying shipment of about 6 million doses.

The disruptions caused by frigid temperatures, snow and ice left the White House and states scrambling to make up lost ground as three days’ worth of vaccine shipments were temporarily delayed. The president’s trip to see Pfizer’s largest plant had been pushed back a day due to a storm affecting the nation’s capital.

At the Michigan plant, Biden walked through an area called the “freezer farm,” which houses some 350 ultra-cold freezers, each capable of storing 360,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine. Double-masked, the president stopped to talk with some of the workers, but it was difficult for reporters on the trip to hear what was said.

Earlier in the day, White House coronavirus response adviser Andy Slavitt said the federal government, states and local vaccinators are going to have to redouble efforts to catch up after the interruptions. The setback comes just as the vaccination campaign seemed to be on the verge of hitting its stride. All the backlogged doses should be delivered in the next several days,

Slavitt said, still confident that the pace of vaccinations will recover.

Biden has set a goal of administering 100 million shots in his administration’s first 100 days, and it seemed likely that could be easily accomplished before the storms.

The plant Biden toured, near Kalamazoo, produces one of the two federally-approved COVID-19 shots. According to the CDC, the two-dose Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine has been administered about 30 million times since it received emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration on Dec. 11.

Nonetheless bad weather forced many injection sites to temporarily close, from Texas to New England, and held up shipments of needed doses.

In Memphis, a city where some of the doses are stranded, the storm stymied 77-year-old Bill Bayne in his pursuit of his second dose. He got his first shot Jan. 29 and was told he’d hear back about the second sometime this week. With local vaccination sites shut down, no notification came.

Bayne said the eight inches of snow outside his home is the most he’s seen in 50 years of living there.

“I want that shot bad enough,” Bayne said. “I would’ve gotten there some way.”

White House adviser Slavitt said the 6 million doses delayed won’t spoil and the vaccine is “safe and sound” under refrigeration.

But as shipments resume

and scale up, vaccinators in communities across the country are going to have to work overtime to get shots into arms. “We as an entire nation will have to pull together to get back on track,” Slavitt told reporters at the White House coronavirus briefing.

Slavitt said about 1.4 million doses were being shipped Friday as the work of clearing the backlog begins.

A confluence of factors combined to throw off the vaccination effort. First, shippers like FedEx, UPS, and pharmaceutical distributor McKesson all faced challenges with snowed-in workers. Then, said Slavitt, road closures in many states kept trucks from delivering their assigned doses of vaccine. And finally, more than 2,000 vaccination sites were in areas with power outages.

Still, the government is going ahead with plans to open five new mass vaccination centers, one in Philadelphia, and four others in the Florida cities of Miami, Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville.

The U.S. had administered an average of 1.7 million doses per day in the week that ended on Tuesday, evidence that the pace of the vaccination program was picking up. Now, the question is how long it will take to recover from the impact of the weather-related delays.

Press secretary Jen Psaki said the White House was closely monitoring vaccine deliveries and working with manufacturers, shipping companies and states to speed their distribution.

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**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis**

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: “While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation.” Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

**Christ United Methodist Church**

On Sunday, Feb. 21, the worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Matthew 5:17-48 with a sermon reflection titled “Developing a Clean Thought Life.” Worship service will also be live-

streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

**Christian Heritage Church**

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

**College Corner Brethren Church**

Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

**Common Ground Prayer House**

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

**Dora Christian Church**

At the Sunday, Feb. 21 services at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person morning Sunday Services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be, “Believe It or Not” from Hebrews 11:1-4 as a part of the February sermon series on “Hope.” The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be a Children’s Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be

taught by Kelly and Lynnette Good. If you can’t make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

**LaFontaine United Methodist Church**

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

**Lincolnville United Methodist Church**

Lincolnville United Methodist Church, 5848 E. 500 South, will continue to have two in-person worship services, one at 9 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call Pastor John Cook at 260-563-1406.

**Living Faith Lutheran Church**

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit

[www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

**Manchester Church of the Brethren**

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

**North Manchester Congregational Christian Church**

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**North Manchester Missionary Church**

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

**Olive Branch Church of God**

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live

Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

**Roann United Methodist Church**

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The sermon will be taken from Matthew 4:1-11 titled “Temptation.”

**Southside Free Will Baptist**

Streaming on their Facebook page.

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

**Urbana Yoke Parish**

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanyokeparish.com](http://www.urbanyokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers

streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org) and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

**Wabash Church of the Nazarene**

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

**Wabash First Church of God**

The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM.

**Walk By Faith Community Church**

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

**Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash**

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

COVID

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occurring among staff and residents of our long-term care facilities on our dashboard.”

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17 with results as of Wednesday, Feb. 10. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update. In Wabash County, only Bickford of Wabash reported no cases.

Box said the most recent update to the ISDH’s long-term care dashboard includes 659 historical resident deaths and one historical staff death that were previously included in the state’s overall death totals but not assigned to a long-term care facility.

“I want to be clear with you, these deaths are already part of our overall statewide dashboard,” said Box.

Box said she issued an order in April 2020 to all long-term care facilities to report any COVID-19-related death or suspected COVID-19 related death to the ISDH.

Box said facilities submit information directly to the state when a death occurs. However, these newly-added historical deaths “were not reported through this system, it appears.”

“All of these positive cases were reported through the long-term care portal but it wasn’t until we reviewed cases and cross-referenced them with the death records that we determined that they were not included in the long-term care dashboard,” said Box. “We are just now, however, matching them with long-term care facilities.”

Box said these historical deaths represent 273 different facilities with deaths occurring from April 2020 until the end of January 2021.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 49 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 54 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths (four of which were newly-added historical deaths) and 125 staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 34 total resident positive cases, 12 total resident deaths (two of which were newly-added historical deaths) and 33 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 27 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths (three of which were newly-added historical deaths) and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported fewer than five new resident deaths, 51 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

**Local figures**

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported four new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,260, with 13,866 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 18.9 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported three new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,263, with 13,882 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 15.1 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported eight new local COVID-19 cases, bringing

Wabash County’s total to 3,271, with 13,906 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 13.7 percent.

**Statewide figures**

On Friday, the ISDH announced Friday that 1,080 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 653,245 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 11,898 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 44 from the previous day. Another 427 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,069,866 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,065,342 on Thursday. A total of 7,683,034 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Hoosiers age 65 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents and first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. To schedule, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Individuals must show proof that they live or work in Indiana and meet the eligibility criteria to receive a vaccine.


As of today, 866,680 Hoosiers have received a first dose of vaccine, and 401,792 are fully vaccinated.

Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine becomes available.

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# Obituaries

## Rita Driscoll

Feb. 5, 1934 – Feb. 16, 2021

Rita Driscoll, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 at her home. She was born Feb. 5, 1934 in Urbana, Indiana, to John Clay and Mary (Coughlin) Driscoll.

Rita was a 1952 graduate of Urbana High School. She was the House Director at Pi Beta Phi Sorority at Butler University in Indianapolis, the House Director at Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, both at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana. Rita was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash, and Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at Indiana University. She loved and followed all IU sports, especially basketball and football.

She is survived by six children, Rena (Gary) Guttrich of Kentwood, Michigan, Rodney Alexander and Joseph (Kay) Alexander, both of Carmel, Daniel (Carol Kuester) Alexander of Jenison, Michigan, Mary (David) Gatchel of Wabash, and Susan (Tim Quinn) Hinojosa of Urbana, Indiana, ten grandchildren, Bruce Guttrich of Muskegon, Michigan, Christopher Gatchel of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ryan (Nicole) Gatchel of Huntington, Indiana, Sam (Lauren) Alexander of Indianapolis, Indiana, Teddy Alexander of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Peter Alexander and Lily Alexander, both of Carmel, Kristen (Adam) Springsteen of San Diego, California, Joseph Hinojosa of San Antonio, Texas, and Sarah Hinojosa of Oxford, Ohio,



four great-grandchildren, Clara Gatchel of Huntington, Laura Springsteen of San Diego, Mila Alexander and Rowan Alexander, both of Indianapolis, and her sister-in-law, Norma Driscoll of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, twin infant daughters, Nancy Ann and Mary Katherine Alexander, son, David Alexander, four brothers and two sisters.

There will be a private funeral mass at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Lagro. A celebration of Rita's life will be later this summer. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lagro, or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

The memorial guest book for Rita may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Rhoda 'Lynne' Wicker

Jan. 25, 1956 – Feb. 17, 2021

Rhoda "Lynne" Wicker, 65, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:16 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at her friend's home in North Manchester.

She was born Jan. 25, 1956 in Willard, Ohio, to William and Jane (Shroyer) Skeans.

Lynne received her Masters degree in Nursing, and worked as a nurse practitioner for Redi-Med. She loved horses, liked to paint, make jewelry, enjoyed movies and music and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Taylor (Robert) Reed of North Manchester, four grandchildren, Izza-



bella Reed, Krystin Fiers, William Reed, and Johnathan Reed, all of North Manchester, sister, Jill Beals of Urbana, Indiana, and her mother, Jane Skeans of Wabash. She was preceded in death by father, William Skeans, and her brother, William Skeans.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are Wabash County Cancer Society or Autism Speaks.

The memorial guest book for Lynne may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Wayne Edward Chandler

April 24, 1972 – Feb. 18, 2021

Wayne Edward Chandler, 48, North Manchester, died Feb. 18, 2021. Wayne was born on April 24, 1972 in Fort Wayne, to James Wayne and Nancy (Turnbow) Chandler. At the age of seven months, Wayne's mother died. Later his father would marry Ruth (Springer) who Wayne considered a mother.

Wayne is survived by his mother, Ruth Chandler; wife,

Tina Chandler; step-son, Trevor Laws; step-daughter, Samantha Laws; brothers, Jimmy (Carolyn) Chandler and Scott (Jeni) Chandler; sisters, Shelby (Burk) Evans, Rebecca (Marshall) Kunderd, and Stephanie (Drew) Sauers.

Private services will be at a later date.

Final arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Carol Elaine Baer

Services for Carol Elaine Baer, 61, of Wabash, Indiana, were 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church, Wabash. Pastor Jerry Gauthier officiated, and Susan Garrett was the musician. Pallbearers

were Mark Baer, Morgan Baer, Aiden Baer, Richie Graf, Dana Graf, and Marty Schaaf. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

## PULSE

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2 at the Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 at The Learning Center, 207 N. Wabash Ave., La Fontaine; 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Center, 275 W. Market St.; and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at the Manchester Community Schools Administration Building Auditorium, 404 W. 9th St., North Manchester. To register, visit <https://imagineone85.org/focus-on-the-future/>.

## Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$550 until March 9, when the cost will go up to \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at [www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop) or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by phone at 260-563-5258.

## Employers invited to Manchester University Virtual Career Fair

Those with opportunities

for full-time and part-time employment, internships and graduate school are invited to take part in the Manchester University Virtual Career Fair. March 5 is The deadline to register is March 5, but spots are limited. Organizations can take part free of charge. The virtual career fair is 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 on Handshake, an online platform that helps students connect with potential employers. This fair is for undergraduate students from the North Manchester campus. Register by visiting <https://link.manchester.edu/careerfair> or email Career Development@manchester.edu.

## Salute to Ag Dinner planned for March 10

The 2021 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. For more information, visit [growwabashcounty.com/ag2021](http://growwabashcounty.com/ag2021) or email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

## Southwood, Metro North Kindergarten Round-Ups announced

Children who will be at least five years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Southwood Elementary will host their Round-Up on Wednesday, March 10, and Metro North Elementary will hold theirs on Thursday, March 11. Families must register for Kinder-

garten Round-Up no later than March 8. To register, visit [www.msdlc.k12.in.us](http://www.msdlc.k12.in.us). For more information about Southwood Elementary School, email Principal Phil Boone at [boonepr@msdlc.k12.in.us](mailto:boonepr@msdlc.k12.in.us). For more information about Metro North Elementary School, email Principal Janette Moore at [moorej@msdlc.k12.in.us](mailto:moorej@msdlc.k12.in.us).

## Visit Wabash County plans annual St. Trolley's Day Tour

Visit Wabash County has announced tickets are on sale for the annual St. Trolley's Day Tour set for Saturday, March 13. The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$30 per person, due at registration, and is all-inclusive for those 21 and older. To register, visit [www.VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours), visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

## Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting March 18 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

## COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 test-

ing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

## DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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special mid-month meeting Tuesday evening, clerk-treasurer Carrie Mugford did not list further discussion of the sign as one of the topics officially discussed. The next regular meeting of the North Manchester Town Council is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

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# Indiana volunteers painstakingly restore rare wooden caboose

By ROSA SALTER RODRIGUEZ

The Journal Gazette

NEW HAVEN — Caboosees generally haven't been seen as the last car of freight trains for many years.

The crew members they used to house and the jobs done by those crews have been taken over by technology, said Kelly Lynch, vice president of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society.

And, though the romance of riding in a cozy home on rails remains, some children today may never have seen an actual little red caboose, he said.

Now, Fort Wayne-area residents and visitors can see one up close because of a years-long restoration project spearheaded by the nonprofit railroad historical society.

To some old-timers, the refurbished Wabash No. 2543 caboose might look familiar — it stood for decades in Fort Wayne's Swinney Park beginning in 1957, along with a Wabash steam locomotive. In 1984, the caboose became a part of the railroad historical society's collection in New Haven.

The intention was to save the caboose. But the approximately 100-year-old specimen became a victim of its age — and its construction.

Unlike later 20th-century cabooses made mostly of metal, this caboose was made mostly of wood. That makes it rare — one of only two remaining wooden Wabash cabooses — and in need of painstaking work.

To restore the car, it would need to be disassembled, board by board. "It was like stripping it down to a skeleton," Lynch said.

But railroad historical society members and other volunteers were undaunted, and during the last three years, 90 percent of the structure was replaced.

A thousand pieces of new lumber were placed. Several curved and arched beams were handmade for the interior roof — because the inside of the caboose also was wood-paneled.

David "D.J." DePanis, a school director from the Youngstown, Ohio, area with a woodworking background, became project director, leading volunteers in more than 5,000 hours of work.

"This project a year ago was at a stage with no roof,

no walls, no siding, a cupola that was falling apart, no windows, nothing, just a bare frame and a floor," DePanis said, adding that, as he started taking the caboose apart, wood crumbled to pieces in his hands.

But the society has "such a great variety of people" that jobs could get done, DePanis said. Restoring the caboose was "a lot like building a house with your best friends."

In its day, the caboose would have served as an office and living quarters. Crews looked out for signs of trouble, handled switches and brakes and kept track of paperwork regarding shipments.

This caboose contained a wrought-iron stove, a desk, a sink and water closet and bench seating along the sides that doubled as bunks where crews could sleep.

The interior was painted a light green commonly used by railroads, and the exterior was matched to Wabash's characteristic brownish-red from photographs. Authentic decals were placed on the exterior.

As to where the caboose traveled while in service, that's difficult to determine, Lynch said.

"We suppose it spent some time in Canada and Detroit, which were part of the Wabash system. But we have photos of it parked by General Electric, now Electric Works, so we know it spent time in Fort Wayne," Lynch said.

The restoration cost about \$5,000, he said, but many materials, including a rubber roof, were donated. The project was partly funded by a Buy a Board campaign.

The caboose now is planned to be not just a static display but a working museum — becoming part of the society's rail excursions, including the annual Santa trains popular with families. All of the braking has been restored, DePanis said, so the caboose is safe as well as attractive.

DePanis already has a picture in mind — moms, dads and children gathered around the stove and Santa at his desk waiting to hear Christmas wishes.

"The amount of work that has gone into this is just stunning," he said.

"Seeing them enjoy this car the way it would have been," he added, "makes it worthwhile."

# Mars landing team 'awestruck' by photo of descending rover

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world got its first close-up look at a Mars landing on Friday, as NASA released a stunning picture of its newest rover being lowered onto the dusty red surface.

The photo was released less than 24 hours after the Perseverance rover successfully touched down near an ancient river delta, where it will search for signs of ancient life and set aside the most promising rock samples for return to Earth in a decade.

NASA equipped the spacecraft with a record 25 cameras and two microphones, many of which were turned

on during Thursday's descent.

The rover is shown in extraordinary detail just 6 1/2 feet off the ground, being lowered by cables attached to an overhead sky crane, the red dust kicked up by rocket engines. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, promises more photos in the next few days and possibly also an audio recording of the descent.

"This is something that we've never seen before," flight system engineer Aaron Stehura noted at a news conference. "It was stunning, and the team was awestruck. There's just a feeling of victory that we were able to capture these and share it with the world."

## STANDARDS

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to not just make and ship but create products that are moved all over the world."

Holcomb said he didn't want to address the bill as currently written as more amendments could be on the way, but "right now I look through this lens lo-

cally balanced from a statewide approach."

The bill was passed by the Indiana House of Representatives on Wednesday by a vote of 58 to 38, with Snow voting against it.

The bill now heads to the Indiana Senate.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

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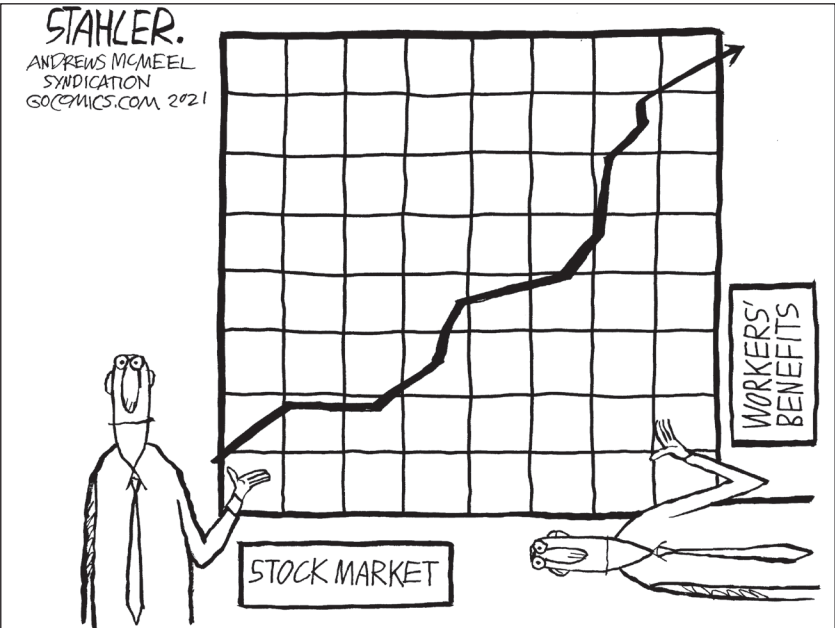
**Deuteronomy 7:9**

# America needs a \$15 minimum wage

At \$7.25 an hour, the federal minimum wage is appallingly low. It's so low that a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage qualifies for food stamps, and a single parent working 40 hours a week falls below the poverty line. It's hard to fathom how an adult could afford rent, food, transportation or a decent standard of living on the minimum wage salary of \$15,000 a year, much less save money for a rainy day. Yet an estimated 1.7 million workers across the U.S. are paid the federal minimum wage, which hasn't been increased since 2009. These workers – along with other low-wage workers earning less than \$15 an hour, who make up 20 percent of the nation's workforce – are long overdue for a raise. Congress is now debating whether to include President Biden's proposal for a \$15 minimum wage in the next COVID-19 relief package, while also eliminating the tip credit that allows restaurant workers in 43 states to be paid as little as \$2.13 an hour. Gradually raising the minimum wage to \$15 will lift more working people out of poverty and help begin to reduce the yawning income inequality gap in this country. While the federal minimum wage stagnated over the last decade, cities and states have raised their pay floor. Twenty-nine states and more than 40 cities have set base pay above \$7.25. Many are already at \$15 an hour or will get there in the next year or two, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, as well as the states of California and Massachusetts. And many have pegged future wage hikes

to inflation so the pay floor will continue to rise. Biden's proposed hike is likely to lead some businesses to raise prices, increase automation or pare their payrolls. But that's just half the picture. The Congressional Budget Office projected that the higher wage would raise the purchasing power of an estimated 27 million workers, lifting 900,000 out of poverty. That additional economic activity would boost the overall economy, at least temporarily. How many jobs would be lost is a point of contention, and we're not persuaded by the CBO's projection that 1.4 million fewer people would be employed by the time the wage hike is fully implemented. Study after study has shown that the benefits of increasing the minimum wage outweigh the potential costs. The breadth of research has grown since 2000, when localities began passing wage hikes. A 2019 paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research analyzed 138 minimum wage changes between 1979 and 2016 and found that the "overall number of low-wage jobs remained essentially unchanged over five years following the increase." Even when the pay hike was significant, there was not a sizable job loss. But there are still 21 states with the minimum wage stuck at \$7.25, including Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin, far less than workers need to support themselves, according to MIT's living wage calculator. The federal minimum wage is supposed to be the wage floor to ensure that a full-time worker can afford the cost of living. States can set it higher,

but legislatures, bowing to politics and business lobbying, have often refused to boost pay for the lowest-paid workers. That's why Congress needs to act. The Raise the Wage Act would increase the minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour in June. Then it would rise every year until it hits \$15 in June 2025. After that, the minimum wage would increase annually with growth in the median wage. That's important. Workers shouldn't have to wait a decade or more for lawmakers to find the political will to raise the minimum wage. Guaranteeing that the minimum wage rises with inflation would help ensure that the lowest-paid workers don't get left behind again. There is considerable pushback to \$15 an hour from lawmakers in low-cost states where the increase from \$7.25 would be a considerable change. In Mississippi, a \$15 minimum wage would give almost half of all workers a raise, the New York Times reported. Mississippi also has one of the highest poverty rates in the country. Skeptics of minimum wage increases fixate on the potential job losses as reason not to embrace the \$15 target. But Congress can – and should – enact tax policies and financial incentives to help employers, particularly small business, adjust to the pay mandate and help preserve jobs. The U.S. cannot continue to ignore the working poor. We cannot deny the destructive effects of poverty and income inequality. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 is not the answer to poverty, but it's an important tool to begin to alleviate it. *This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.*



## Driving impact in 2021

By **TIM KEAN**

Looking forward we anticipate positive signs of familiar occurrences. In four weeks, it will officially be spring, with or without cooperation from the weather. We can all remember 70-degree weather during a spring break and other years a big snowstorm during the same time. As it looks now, we should see improvement in community circumstances with COVID-19, kids back in school and possibly restrictions may be a bit loosened as well. Hopefully, a general improvement in the country's collective disposition as well, wouldn't that be nice. As we trudge through the last half of winter, we always are faced with potential cancellations of some of our planned distributions due to extreme weather as we have just experienced. We just had one of those rare occurrences when we closed our facility for a couple of days. We decided to error on the side of caution with staff and volunteer safety as things were just too "iffy" with snow, wind chill and drifting. Notifying our partners of all our scheduled deliveries in multiple counties along with in-bound freight companies is no small undertaking. Thankfully, we rarely ever have to grind the gears of this ever-moving vehicle. These things can affect our short-term impact. We're very excited as we look toward the rest of 2021 and our

longer-term impact with some expansion and new inventory lines that will address some stability barriers for many families. In 2020, we took some big steps in our new relationship as a member of the National Diaper Bank. This allowed us to access and distribute over 247,000 diapers in our eight-county service area. We see 2021 as a year of expansion for this inventory line as we feel we're just getting started to supply supplemental assistance to families. We are also expanding our non-food and personal hygiene inventory. Shampoo, bar soap, men's and women's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and laundry detergent are now part of our 2021 growth plan to address much-needed items that are not covered by SNAP, also known as food stamps. Because of our membership with the National Diaper Bank, we were also connected to the Alliance for Period Supplies. Our first order has been placed for this important resource. Under-resourced adolescent and teenage girls can experience higher levels of absenteeism in school or find themselves relying on supplies that the school staff is providing from their pocket. Personal hygiene supplies in all their forms start at home unless personal knowledge and budget are barriers. Negative social encounters, bullying and stigmatizing are difficult enough for kids in general, but can be taken to another level

when these resources are scarce or not available at all. Our connections to schools through The Big Idea initiative and our agency partners will provide a pathway for those important supplies to get into the hands of struggling families. We have received enthusiastic feedback from schools where we have shared our plans for this growth. Some might say, why is a food bank going in a direction that doesn't have any impact on hunger? We believe that the whole circumstance of a person in a struggling family must be addressed. In addition to products, social, emotional, educational and spiritual pieces are all part of the same person. Food goes hand in hand with healthy minds and bodies. Access to basic personal care products that contribute toward a healthy lifestyle and positive self-esteem can positively impact a struggling family as much as a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk. We see the need and have the opportunity to do both. 2021 will be a very impactful year. *Tim Kean is the president and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana. The Second Harvest Food Bank network of 95-member agencies, programs, 15 senior sites and 35 schools provides relationship building and food assistance to more than 67,000 low-income people facing daily instability in Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph and Wabash counties.*

## Stop restricting Indianapolis growth

The 2021 state legislative session is remarkable for a series of bills that limit the existing power of Indianapolis city government. One of these would remove the control of the police department from the elected mayor and city council. Another removes the city's legal authority to provide bus rapid transit, and yet another would prevent the city from regulating the placement of 5G wireless devices. The state legislature also appears poised to override Governor Holcomb's veto of a city ordinance that provided extra protections for tenants. These are unusual issues for a state legislature to become involved in, but there's more. One bill would prevent Indianapolis, or any other city, from changing its name. To be fair, that bill might be targeted at Russiaville, Toad Hop or Slab Town, not Indianapolis. Another would limit the powers of Indianapolis to undertake land-use authority within its city limits. A casual observer might conclude that some members of the General Assembly have abandoned federalism, that mainstay of conservative thought for the past 244 years. That couldn't possibly be the explanation, though; it must be something else.

This flurry of legislation aimed at the heart of Indiana's largest municipal government seems to signal that something unseemly is happening in Indianapolis. It implies that Indy is failing at something important, something at which the rest of Indiana is successful. Maybe, Indianapolis has a problem that is keeping it from attracting people, jobs or economic activity like the rest of the state. Surely that is the case? It must be that Indianapolis and the Indy metro region are doing so much worse than the rest of the state, that lawmakers feel compelled to intervene. Let's see what the data says about that. First, it is important to define the geographies. There is the City of Indianapolis proper, which is essentially Marion County. Then, there is the Indianapolis Metropolitan Statistical Area, which also consists of the surrounding counties. The legislation noted above would affect both the City of Indianapolis and the surrounding metropolitan area that depends upon the success of the city. From 2000 to 2019, Indiana's population grew by 639,000 persons. Within the Indianapolis metropolitan area, population grew by 543,000. So far this century, a full 85 percent of the state's population growth happened within the Indianapolis metro area. Outside of the Indy metro, the state had just 96,000 new residents. By comparison, Marion County alone saw 104,000 new residents over the same time period.

Since 2000, the Indy metro area has grown by 35 percent, the City of Indianapolis by 12 percent, and the whole rest of the state by 2.1 percent. The City of Indianapolis saw more population growth this century than the 80 non-Indy metro counties combined. So, whatever concern about crime, zoning or building design residents have about Indy, they are worse everywhere else. Surely there is something else troubling the General Assembly for them to take such a keen interest in restricting Indianapolis government. What about jobs? Since 2000, the Indianapolis metro region has added some 154,000 jobs. Of those jobs, the City of Indianapolis can account for 18,000 new jobs over the same time period. Here's the rub – over the same time period, all the rest of Indiana lost a whopping 151,000 jobs. So far in this century, the Indianapolis region actually absorbed more than 100 percent of all the new jobs created in Indiana. So, if businesses have a problem with the way the Indy region is run, the problem is far, far, far worse in the other 80 counties. Likewise, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Statistical Area has absorbed 65 percent of all the Gross Domestic Product growth this century. So far in the 21st Century, the City of Indianapolis alone received one out of every four new dollars of economic activity created statewide. Today, a worker in the City of Indianapolis produces \$179 worth of goods and services for every \$100 produced by a worker outside the Indy region.

The real shocker is that each year residents of Marion County send, on net, a bit more than \$500 per person in tax revenues to residents of the rest of the state. All told, 20 Hoosier counties pay more taxes to the state than they receive in tax revenues from the state. Five of those are in the Indianapolis metro area. So, just to summarize it clearly, Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis region as a whole, are growing leaps and bounds faster than the rest of the state. At the same time, they bear a greater state tax burden, of which a significant share is sent to other counties. They get far less back in tax dollars than they spend.

This realization ought to prompt a bit of circumspection among Indiana's lawmakers. It stands to reason that because Indianapolis is outperforming the state on growth in population, jobs, GDP and worker productivity, the remainder of the state ought to be taking notes. Instead, lawmakers are throwing roadblocks in front of this, and other cities. A modicum of wisdom would incline legislation toward more, rather than less, local autonomy. Governing is hard work, and for serious people. One way to make mockery of the seriousness of those tasks is legislation that removes rental rules from city council, prohibits municipal governments from land use planning, or keeps the good people of Mudsoc or Gnaw Bone from changing their town's name.

Households and businesses are voting with their feet. The City of Indianapolis is growing five times faster than the 80 non-Indy metro counties combined. For whatever flaws the city and region might have, the rest of Indiana would be better off economically if it were more like Indianapolis. The General Assembly should permit every one of our municipal governments more freedom to mimic the success of Indianapolis. And, if any member of the legislature still wants to decide how many two-way streets a city should have, to run a police force, or dictate how tall 5G towers must be, there is a quick and easy way to do so. Run for mayor. *Michael Hicks may be reached by email at cberdirector@bsu.edu.*













# Facebook makes a power move in Australia – and may regret it

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For years, Facebook has been in a defensive crouch amid a slew of privacy scandals, antitrust lawsuits and charges that it was letting hate speech and extremism destroy democracy. Early Thursday, though, it abruptly pivoted to take the offensive in Australia, where it lowered the boom on publishers and the government with a sudden decision to block news on its platform across the entire country.

That power play – a response to an Australian law that would compel Facebook to pay publishers for using their news stories – might easily backfire, given how concerned many governments have grown about the company’s unchecked influence over society, democracy and political discourse. But it’s still a startling reminder of just how much power CEO Mark Zuckerberg can wield

at the touch of a figurative button.

“Zuckerberg’s flex here shows how he can disrupt global access to the news in a heartbeat,” said Jennifer Grygiel, a social media expert and professor at Syracuse University. “No company should have this much influence over access to journalism.”

Facebook’s move means people in Australia can no longer post links to news stories on Facebook. Outside Australia, meanwhile, no one can post links to Aussie news sources such as the Sydney Morning Herald.

Facebook said the proposed law “ignores the realities” of its relationship with publishers that use its service to propel their stories across the world. Technology and media experts have also raised serious concerns. Timothy Berners-Lee, the British computer scientist known as the inventor of the World Wide Web, told an Australian Senate committee in January that the law’s precedent could ul-

timately wreck the internet by requiring payment for links that have always been free.

The law hasn’t gone into effect. Negotiations between the tech companies, the Australian government and the country’s media giants – most notably, Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. – may result in changes to the final version.

What can’t be changed, though, is Facebook’s dramatic, if ham-handed, attempt to force the issue. The company provided no warning of its decision to block Australian news and applied the ban so clumsily that it blocked many innocent bystanders.

“As the law does not provide a clear guidance on the definition of news content, we have taken a broad definition in order to respect the law as drafted,” said Facebook spokeswoman Mari Melguizo, who added that the company would unblock any pages that were blocked by accident.

Facebook’s reaction was not justified even if there are

issues with the law, including the fact that it stands to benefit media giants like News Corp., said Elizabeth Renieris, director of the Notre Dame-IBM Technology Ethics Lab. Facebook’s show of strength, she said, is “really going to wake up regulators around the world.”

“If it is not already clear, Facebook is not compatible with democracy,” Rep. David Cicilline, a Rhode Island Democrat who heads a House subcommittee that has urged antitrust action against the company, wrote on Twitter. “Threatening to bring an entire country to its knees to agree to Facebook’s terms is the ultimate admission of monopoly power.”

On Thursday, Democrats announced they would hold new hearings to curb online platforms and update antitrust laws.

Billions of people around the world rely on Facebook for essential information – not just news, but charity and government pages, emergen-

cy announcements and other important channels. Facebook’s news blackout swept up many of these, including humanitarian organizations like Foodbank Australia and Doctors without Borders in Australia, who found their pages temporarily disabled.

The ban affected articles from large international news organization and small community newspapers or radio stations alike. Those restrictions potentially deprived many Australians of basic information on Facebook about COVID-19 or the country’s fire season – from a company that bills itself as committed to building “connection and community.”

Australian publishers felt a blunt impact. Analytics firm Chartbeat said the Facebook ban resulted in a 24 percent drop in overall traffic to Australian publishers by late Friday morning local time compared to 48 hours earlier.

The tech company has faced years of criticism for allowing misinformation around

politics and the coronavirus to fester on its site. Critics said they fear that stripping Australian users of legitimate news sources will only worsen that problem.

“Playing this game in Australia is going to fill peoples’ feed with misinformation,” Tama Leaver, an internet studies and social media expert at Curtin University in Australia, said during an interview Wednesday with Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio Perth.

But a news-free Facebook might also be a more pleasant experience for many people, said Drew Margolin, a professor of communication at Cornell University. Facebook would have been better off if it had given Australians a choice to opt out of news, he suggested. If many did, the company could have used that for leverage with the government and publishers.

“What happens when they say we’re ready to turn it back on and we say please don’t?” he said.

# U.K. top court gives Uber drivers benefits in landmark ruling

By **KELVIN CHAN**  
Associated Press

LONDON — Uber drivers in Britain are entitled to benefits like paid holidays and minimum wage, the country’s top court ruled Friday, in a decision that threatens the company’s business model and holds broad implications for the gig economy.

The ruling that the drivers should be classed as “workers” and not self-employed is a big defeat for the ride-hailing giant. And it could inspire similar legal action against other companies who rely on gig workers as well as influence courts in other countries grappling with the issue, experts said.

The seven Supreme Court judges who heard the case unanimously rejected Uber’s appeal against an employment tribunal ruling that two

Uber drivers were “workers” under British law.

Yaseen Aslam and James Farrar, the two drivers, cheered the outcome.

“This ruling will fundamentally re-order the gig economy and bring an end to rife exploitation of workers by means of algorithmic and contract trickery,” said James Farrar said by email. The pair took Uber to the tribunal in 2016, which ruled in their favor. The decision was upheld in two rounds of appeals before it arrived at the Supreme Court.

San Francisco-based Uber, which has 65,000 active drivers and 5 million regular users in the U.K., had argued that Aslam and Farrar were independent contractors. The company said it respected the court’s decision, which it argued focused on a small number of drivers who used the Uber app in 2016.

“Since then we have made some significant changes to our business, guided by drivers every step of the way,” Jamie Heywood, Uber’s regional general manager for Northern and Eastern Europe, said in a statement. “These include giving even more control over how they earn and providing new protections like free insurance in case of sickness or injury.”

Heywood said the company would consult with its U.K. drivers to understand the changes they want.

The ruling clarified that drivers are considered to be on the job when they are logged in to the Uber app in their territory and ready and willing to accept rides, which could be used to calculate minimum wage and holiday pay. Uber had argued that drivers were only working when they were making a journey with a

paying passenger.

The case is now expected to return to the employment tribunal for decisions on compensation over lost pay for about two dozen drivers involved in the original claim. Another 2,000 drivers’ cases had been stayed pending the decision. Drivers could be entitled to an average of \$16,800, estimated law firm Leigh Day, which is representing drivers.

Uber drive Conrad Delphine looked forward to getting paid time off after years of working without holiday or sick pay.

“I am very pleased. It means I can go on holiday without having to worry about how to pay for it,” Delphine said. “Things have been worse because of coronavirus. If we catch the virus we should be entitled to sick pay. It’s about time we had some decent pay and

conditions.”

Uber and other app-based ride-hailing services avoided a similar attempt in California to classify drivers as employees eligible for benefits and job protections. The companies bankrolled Proposition 22, a ballot measure exempting them from the state’s gig-economy laws by keeping drivers classified as independent contractors able to set their own hours. Voters approved it in November.

The British judges on Friday cited a number of factors in their decision: Uber sets fares and contract terms and penalizes drivers who reject or cancel rides. It also uses passenger ratings to control drivers and minimizes communications between drivers and passengers, which results in the service being “very tightly defined and controlled by Uber.”

“Drivers are in a position

of subordination and dependency to Uber,” with little ability to improve their economic position and the only way to increase their earnings is by “working longer hours while constantly meeting Uber’s measures of performance,” said judge George Leggatt, as he read out a summary of the ruling on a court livestream.

Uber said some features cited in the ruling no longer exist, noting that since 2017 drivers face no repercussion for rejecting multiple consecutive trips.

Providing more benefits for its drivers will likely increase costs for Uber, which already was struggling to make a profit and had previously run into regulatory trouble in London, where authorities had sought to revoke its license. The changes could ultimately push up fares for riders, experts say.

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## MU turns in strong showing on the road

Spartans competed well, winning 13 of 22 matchups on the day

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University wrestling team was back in action on Saturday, Feb. 13. The Black and Gold traveled to Ohio on Saturday afternoon to compete against the Defiance College Yellow Jackets and the Ohio

Wesleyan Battling Bishops.

MU had a strong showing, winning 13 of 22 matchups on the day.

Josh Stephenson, from Muncie and Yorktown High School, earned a pair of victories at 125-pounds, scoring a 21-4 tech fall against Defiance's Brent Eicher and a fall against Ohio Wesleyan's Donovan Ortiz.

Elijah Phillips, Centerville, also picked up a pair of victories on Saturday afternoon. Phillips battled to an 11-6 decision over

OWU's Ryan McElwee in the 141-pound weight class. Phillips also wrestled up a weight class, earning a 12-3 major decision over OWU's Max Beard.

Tyler Leonhard, from Portland and Jay County High School, went a perfect 2-0 on the day. Leonhard topped Ohio Wesleyan's Ethan Laws by a 10-4 decision at 165-pounds. Tyler then pinned OWU's Christian Tesnow in a matchup at 184-pounds. Leonhard has won all six of his bouts this season.

Matt Neff, from LaPorte, defeated Keringten Martin of Defiance College by a 7-1 decision at 174-pounds. Neff would later pin Jaret Lowry of Ohio Wesleyan in his second matchup of the day.

Five other Spartans would go on to win at least one of their bouts on Saturday: Charlie O'Connor, Zak Fowler, Alexander Searfoss, Alex Gronkiewicz and Kyle Young.

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## Colts trade for Eagles QB Wentz

By ROB MAADDI  
AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz helped steer the Philadelphia Eagles to the franchise's only Super Bowl title and later received the richest contract in team history.

He's already gone before that deal even kicked in.

The Eagles agreed to trade Wentz to the Indianapolis Colts, according to a person familiar with the deal. Philadelphia receives a third-round pick in this year's draft and a conditional second-round pick in 2022 that can turn into a first-round pick if Wentz plays 75 percent of the snaps this year or 70 percent and the Colts make the playoffs.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because the deal hasn't been announced.

Wentz is coming off the worst season of his five-year career and was benched for rookie Jalen Hurts after 12 games. He finished third in NFL MVP voting in 2017 when he led the Eagles to an 11-2 record before a knee injury ended his season and Philadelphia went on to win the Super Bowl.

The deal reunites Wentz with Colts coach Frank Reich, who served as Philadelphia's offensive coordinator his first two seasons in the league. Press Taylor, an offensive assistant coach with the Eagles during Wentz's tenure, also has joined Reich's staff.

The Colts are turning to their fourth starting quarterback in Reich's four years. Andrew Luck retired abruptly before the 2019 season and Jacoby Brissett took over. Philip Rivers led the team to the playoffs in his only season in Indianapolis in 2020. After Rivers retired, Wentz became an ideal replacement for the team.

Brissett is about to become a free agent and the only other quarterback on the roster is Jacob Eason, who never took a snap last season as a rookie.



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz stands in the tunnel before taking on the Arizona Cardinals at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., on Dec. 20.

Wentz's new teammates are already welcoming his arrival.

"Let's get to work!!! Welcome to Indy! Can't wait to see what the future holds in the 317," two-time All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard wrote on his social media account, citing the city's area code.

Receiver Parris Campbell was even more succinct on Twitter: "LETS WORK!!!"

Wentz is entering the first season of a four-year, \$128 million contract extension he signed in June 2019. The Eagles will absorb a significant salary cap hit of \$33.8 million in dead money on their 2021 cap. Indy started the offseason with the second-most room under the projected cap.

The Colts are betting Wentz will rebound with a new team, which looks like a solid fit for the former North Dakota State star. After losing at Buffalo in the wild-card

round last month, general manager Chris Ballard made it clear Indy's top offseason priority was finding a long-term solution at quarterback.

Some speculated about what the Colts would do in free agency or potentially move up in the draft. But Ballard was reticent about being pressured into a rash decision, giving away too many picks or overpaying.

"We get the importance of the quarterback position but the difference between just taking one and taking the right one is the key in our minds," Ballard said. "It's something we want to get fixed. Look, when you think about two of the top franchise quarterbacks since coming to Indianapolis — Peyton Manning and Andrew Luck — they were No. 1 picks. I promise you if we're picking No. 1, I'm not going to be here talking about it."

Wentz also will have a better sup-

porting cast in Indy.

The Colts offensive line, led by three-time All-Pro guard Quenton Nelson and center Ryan Kelly, is one of the league's top units. Jonathan Taylor became the fifth rookie in Colts history to top the 1,000-yard mark and Indy has a promising group of young receivers and tight ends still under contract. Four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton and starting running back Marlon Mack both could become free agents.

And Ballard believes Reich is a master of quarterback development.

"I think Frank is outstanding, I think he's proven it," Ballard said during his season-ending news conference. "In Philly, he did a really good job with their young quarterback. Here, he's had three different quarterbacks and he's done well with all three."

## Brohm hopes new coaches will help Boilers bounce back

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

Purdue coach Jeff Brohm didn't like how his defense performed last season, so he shook it up.

He fired defensive coordinator Bob Diaco after one season, hired three new assistants and got more involved in the defensive meetings. Now it's time to find out how much has changed.

On Friday, the Boilermakers will begin installing their revamped defense when they hold the first of 15 scheduled spring practices.

"I felt like we weren't going in the direction I wanted to and I wanted to put a stop to that right away," Brohm said Thursday. "I want to see us go out there and compete. I want us to play aggressive, physical and get after the quarterback and I want a defense that has the identity I believe in."

The Boilermakers (2-4) have until March 19 to start building the momentum, and it's not just the defensive style that will look different.

Aidan O'Connell, last year's opening day starter at quarterback, has only been cleared for limited work after having season-ending foot surgery in December. That means Jack Plummer, the starter in 2019, will take the bulk of the snaps.

And the pairing of all-conference defensive end George Karlaftis with his younger brother, Yanni, the highly-touted outside linebacker from just a few miles down the road, has been put on

hold because of a hamstring injury. Yanni Karlaftis suffered the injury in high school and Brohm said he aggravated it recently.

But their absences won't slow down what Brohm hopes to accomplish defensively.

He hired Brad Lambert, the former Charlotte head coach and defensive coordinator at Marshall, to work with Anthony Poinexter as co-defensive coordinators. Brohm brought back Mark Hagen, the former Purdue and Indiana assistant, who spent last season as the defensive line coach at Texas, and added former Florida safeties coach Ron English. Lambert will work with linebackers, English with the secondary and Hagen with the linemen.

All three have been college coordinators and all three have worked closely with Brohm to create a defense desperately in need of change after finishing last season with five sacks and seven takeaways. It also allowed at least 20 points in all six games and 27 or more in the final four — all losses.

Purdue also didn't play in bowl games either of the past two seasons, all of which has Brohm looking for a fix.

"I've been heavily involved (with the defense) since the season's been over," Brohm said. "We are going to challenge things, we are going to gamble some. I want our guys to make plays, get turnovers, not be afraid to make mistakes and to dictate what happens on that side of the field."

## Bauer-less Reds forced to fall back on the familiar for rotation

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds will go into the 2021 season without two of last year's most important pitchers — National League Cy Young Award winner Trevor Bauer and closer Raisel Iglesias.

How manager David Bell will work around those blockbuster departures is the overriding question as his pitchers begin throwing this week during spring training. Without major offseason additions, the cost-conscious Reds are going to have to count on getting more out of some of the guys who have been around a while.

Bell is fine with that. Enthusiastic, even.

"We see our rotation as a strength," he said. "Obviously we lost Trevor, and we all know what a significant loss that is, but to be able to say our rotation is still a strength is pretty impressive, with the depth that we have."

At the front of the Cincinnati staff will be some familiar names: 2020 opening-day starter Sonny Gray (5-3, 3.70 ERA) and Luis Castillo (4-6, 3.21), who started the opener in 2019. With Anthony DeSclafani also moving on, Tyler Mahle (2-2, 3.59) and Wade Miley (0-3, 5.65) are expected to line up behind them.

Right-hander Michael Lorenzen (3-1, 4.28) — a reliever in recent years who was effective as a spot starter at the end of last season — will get a chance to break into the

rotation, Bell said. Right-hander Tejay Antone (2.80, 45 strikeouts in 35 1/3 innings) was too good last year to not get a look as a potential starter.

"I prepared as a starter," Antone said this week. "There's an opportunity for me to have that job, and I'm going to do my best to take it."

Bell said he anticipates going with a starting staff of five instead of moving to six, as is the trend with some MLB teams.

"Even if we go into the season with a five-man rotation, we have guys that can step in, guys that can pitch multiple innings out of the bullpen," Bell said. "So we're in a good situation with our rotation, and the more we can build guys up, the more options we'll have as we get closer to the season."

Traded to Cincinnati as part of a three-team deal in midseason 2019, Bauer was terrific in the pandemic-shortened season, parlaying a 1.73 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 73 innings into a three-year, \$102 million contract with the reigning World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers. The Reds traded Iglesias and his \$9 million salary to the Los Angeles Angels for Noe Ramirez, who will compete for a role in the bullpen.

A couple of players who emerged as key contributors in last season's bullpen, Lucas Sims and Amir Garrett, have made it clear they covet the closer's job,

## NCAA will allow limited fan attendance at men's tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA will allow a limited number of fans to attend all rounds of next month's men's basketball tournament in Indiana.

The governing body said Friday it is permitting 25 percent capacity at the venues to allow for social distancing. That figure will include all participants and essential staff along with the family members of team players and coaches.

Attendees must wear face coverings, and cleaning and disinfecting efforts will be emphasized at venues in keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols.

The NCAA said in its statement it acted in conjunction with state and local health officials. NCAA chief medical officer Brian Hainline said the decision also followed conversations with the organization's medical advisory group and will rely on testing and monitoring services from the Indiana University Health system.

"The No. 1 priority for decisions around the tournament continues to be the safety and well-being of everyone participating in the event," Hainline said.

The NCAA had previously announced the 68-team tournament will be played entirely in Indiana because of the pandemic, with most games in Indianapolis. The tournament will begin with First Four games on March 18 at home arenas for Big Ten Conference schools Purdue and Indiana, with those venues located about a one-hour drive — in opposite directions — from downtown Indianapolis.

At Indiana, the school said it will allow up to 500 fans for tournament games at Assembly Hall with some seats reserved for local medical workers and first responders who have been vaccinated.

The Final Four takes place in Indianapolis on April 3. The national championship game follows two days later.



# Logano wants peace at Penske following Daytona 500 crash

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A truce has yet to be called in the Team Penske camp amid friction following the last lap Daytona 500 crash between teammates Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski.

Logano was leading Keselowski when Keselowski pulled out to attempt a race-winning pass, a move that caused contact that triggered a fiery eight-car wreck. Three of the cars involved were Fords fielded by Penske.

Logano had yet to speak to Keselowski by Friday — he said “it’s probably best to cool your jets a little bit before the conversation happens” — but planned to talk before the two raced again for the sake of the Penske organization. The two race Sunday on the road course at Daytona.

“The goal is to move on and not say, ‘You raced me hard, so I’m going to race you hard’ and now we’re beating the doors off of each other every week and it grows and grows and grows,” Logano said. “You can’t seek revenge or just, ‘Well, you made my life hard, so I’m going to make your life hard.’ That’s childish. We’re adults.

“If you do that, it’s the most selfish thing you can do because you’re not just hurting yourself or hurting him, you’re hurting all the people that work on that car and what did they do to that?”

Keselowski was visibly frustrated following the crash and heaved his helmet at his wrecked car. He was adamant after the race that he was not at fault for the collision.

“I don’t feel like I made a mistake, but I can’t drive everybody else’s car, so frustrating,” he said.

Logano did not accept culpability.

“I don’t think anyone did anything wrong,” he said. “Everyone is going to have different perspectives and I think that’s probably where we’re going to be. To me, the biggest heartbreak of this whole thing is that there are 400 people at Team Penske asking where their Daytona 500 bonus is and it’s up



Nigel Cook / News-Journal / TNS

The Joey Logano-Brad Keselowski crash triggered a fiery chain of events on the final lap of the Daytona 500 on Monday.

in a ball of flames up in turn three.”

Three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin bristled at Logano’s deflection. He noted Logano could have guaranteed the organization a Daytona 500 victory if he’d allowed Keselowski to pull alongside him and the two Penske cars together would have blocked the track to other competitors as the teammates raced each other to the finish line.

“Say huh?” Hamlin posted to Twitter. “Ya k now best way to guarantee a Penske win? If the 2 got beside him then they race to the line to see which one wins.”

Hamlin and Logano were teammates for five years at Joe Gibbs Racing and have previously feuded.

The Daytona crash belied Roger Penske’s edict that his drivers are permitted to race one another hard so long as they don’t wreck. Not only did they fail at Daytona, but the crash destroyed a third Penske car, driven by rookie Austin Cindric, for an overall disastrous race for Penske.

Ryan Blaney had been involved in a race-ending crash 14 laps in, so all four Penske cars were destroyed.

Cindric said “that is a great question” when asked for his understanding on how

the four-car Penske fleet was supposed to race each other at Daytona.

“If we are a Penske 1-2-3, I know my job and my job going into the weekend was to make sure that one of us wins the race,” Cindric said.

“We have team meetings. We have strategy meetings. I think we all understand what is at stake. I think there is a great understanding of what the expectations are.”

Chase Elliott, the reigning Cup Series champion, said it makes no difference that it was teammates racing each other. He also noted that Hamlin in 2020 won his third 500 “because he didn’t throw a massive block.”

“I don’t think it has anything to do with the team you drive for; I think it has to do with the individual and how that person races,” Elliott said.

Elliott had his own commotion at Daytona in the exhibition Busch Clash when he crashed good friend Blaney as they raced for the victory on the road course. Neither won the race.

“We’ve talked. We’re fine. It doesn’t fix his race car from last weekend and it certainly doesn’t fix his result, and I understand that,” Elliott said. “I hate it as much as he does. But it’s racing and we’re racing for wins. That’s a great

problem to have.”

It remains to be seen how Keselowski chooses to work with Logano going forward. He did not comment Friday on Logano’s push for the teammates to move on, but Keselowski did post a photo on social media that showed damage to equipment in his car from the fire started in the crash.

Keselowski, the 2012 Cup champion but winless in 12 Daytona 500s, is in a contract year with Penske and probably can’t afford to feud with his teammate. Logano, also a Cup champion and the 2015 Daytona 500 winner, doesn’t have the same job security concerns.

Logano has been part of several skirmishes with various drivers over the years. The conflict has often escalated with rivals complaining Logano rarely takes responsibility and allows feuds to fester.

This time, Logano is pushing for a clean slate. He likened a problem with Keselowski to a marriage, where both sides must come to a resolution and move forward. “It’s kind of the situation here, where I will be forced and he will be forced to work with me,” Logano said. “We’re still teammates. We will have to figure this out.”

# Djokovic chases 18th Slam, Medvedev 1st

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

Novak Djokovic lost his first career Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open. Then he won his second, which came at the Australian Open.

And look where he is now, more than a dozen years later: One victory from a ninth championship at Melbourne Park and his 18th major title overall, which would put him two behind rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal for the most by a man in tennis history.

Daniil Medvedev also lost his first career Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open. And now he will try to win in his second try, which comes at the Australian Open on Sunday (at 7:30 p.m. local time, 3:30 a.m. EST) — against Djokovic.

“I know that to beat him, you need to just show your best tennis, be at your

best physically, maybe four or five hours, and be at your best mentally, maybe for five hours,” Medvedev said. “I would say to win a Slam, especially against somebody (like) Novak, is already a big motivation, and I don’t think there is anything that can make it bigger.”

It is an intergenerational showdown — Serbia’s Djokovic turns 34 in May; Russia’s Medvedev just turned 25 — and another in the simmering standoff between the Big Three and the next wave of up-and-coming players hoping to supplant the group that has dominated for more than 15 years.

Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have combined to win 14 of the past 15 majors (Dominic Thiem at last year’s U.S. Open was the exception), and 57 of the last 69.

“Spice it up a little bit,” by adding a new

name to the list of Slam champs, suggested Stefanos Tsitsipas, the 22-year-old who came back from two sets down to eliminate Nadal in the quarterfinals before losing to Medvedev 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 in the semifinals. “Wouldn’t be bad.”

Here’s part of what makes this final intriguing: It pits one of the greatest ever to play the sport, and at a site he’s dominated, against a player who currently is playing better than anyone in men’s tennis.

The No. 1-seed Djokovic is 17-0 in Australian Open semifinals and finals, making him nearly as much of a lock on the blue hard courts of Melbourne Park as Nadal is on the red clay courts of Roland Garros.

“The more I win, the better I feel coming back each year,” Djokovic said. “I think it’s kind of also logical to expect that. The love affair keeps going.”

# Osaka faces another American in Brady for final

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

Whether or not Naomi Osaka claims the Australian Open championship — and make no mistake, she will be expected to win — this much seems certain: Tennis has a new dominant force.

Sure, it’s clearly possible that Osaka could be beaten by the 22nd-seeded American Jennifer Brady in the title match at Melbourne Park on Saturday.

Brady is, after all, emerging as a force on hard courts, too, thanks to a big serve and big forehand. She pushed Osaka to three sets before losing to her in the U.S. Open semifinals last September, then shrugged off a two-week hard quarantine in Australia to reach her first Grand Slam final.

It is the No. 3-seeded Osaka, though, who overpowered and overwhelmed Serena Williams in the semifinals Thursday.

Who is riding a 20-match winning streak dating to last season.

Who already has spent time at No. 1 in the rankings.

Who is seeking her second Australian Open title and fourth Slam trophy — and she is still only 23.

Like 23-time major champion Williams, there is a determination that Osaka manages to display when the finish line is near on their sport’s most important stages: She has run her record to a combined 11-0 in Grand Slam quarterfinals, semifinals and finals.

Osaka often speaks about wanting more consistency, whether that’s at lower-level WTA tournaments or at every Grand Slam event.

She does occasionally stumble early at the majors, such as a third-round exit a year ago as the defending champion in Australia or a first-round loss at Wimbledon in 2019.

But once she gets close to

the end, she seals the deal.

“For me, I have this mentality that people don’t remember the runners-up. You might, but the winner’s name is the one that’s engraved,” explained Osaka, who was born in Japan to a Japanese mother and Haitian father before the family moved to New York when she was 3. “I think I fight the hardest in the finals,” she continued. “I think that’s where you sort of set yourself apart.”

Williams had been 8-0 in Australian Open semifinals until Osaka put a stop to that by winning 6-3, 6-4, reeling off the last eight points of the match after the second set was even at 4-all.

When they hugged at the net at the end, this is what went through Osaka’s mind: “Always a surreal moment, just to see her in real life, like, close up.”

Osaka has long viewed the 39-year-old Williams as an idol.

Their games are quite sim-

ilar at the most foundational level: speedy serves, dangerous forehands and that steely attitude on court.

Brady got a sense of that during the entertaining matchup in New York last year against Osaka.

“She just puts a lot of pressure on you to serve well, because she’s holding serve in, like, 45 seconds. ... She’s coming at you with a lot of power, so it also puts a lot of pressure on you to be aggressive and try to get the first strike. Otherwise you’re the one running, and I don’t want to be running,” said Brady, a 25-year-old from Pennsylvania who played college tennis at UCLA. “She just puts a lot of pressure on you to perform well.”

Brady acknowledged that she expects to deal with some nerves against Osaka this time. That’s only natural, given the stakes.

The key will be limiting how much — and for how long — that affects her play.

## SCOREBOARD

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Virginia	11	2	.846	15	4	.789
Florida St.	8	2	.800	12	3	.800
Virginia Tech	8	3	.727	14	4	.778
Louisville	6	3	.667	11	4	.733
Clemson	7	5	.583	13	5	.722
North Carolina	7	5	.583	13	7	.650
Syracuse	6	5	.545	12	6	.667
Duke	7	6	.538	9	8	.529
Georgia Tech	6	6	.500	10	8	.556
Notre Dame	6	7	.462	9	10	.474
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	9	8	.529
NC State	5	8	.385	9	9	.500
Wake Forest	3	10	.231	6	10	.375
Miami	3	11	.214	7	12	.368
Boston College	1	9	.100	3	13	.188
Saturday's Games						
Georgia Tech at Miami, Noon						
Notre Dame at Syracuse, 2 p.m.						
NC State at Wake Forest, 2 p.m.						
Florida St. at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.						
Louisville at North Carolina, 6 p.m.						
Virginia at Duke, 8 p.m.						
Virginia Tech at Florida St., ppd.						
Sunday's Game						
Clemson at Pittsburgh, ppd.						

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Villanova	8	2	.800	13	3	.813
Creighton	12	4	.750	16	5	.762
Seton Hall	10	5	.667	13	8	.619
UConn	7	5	.583	10	5	.667
St. John's	8	7	.533	14	8	.636
Xavier	4	4	.500	11	4	.733
Providence	7	9	.438	11	11	.500
Marquette	6	10	.375	10	12	.455
Butler	6	10	.375	7	12	.368
Georgetown	4	7	.364	6	10	.375
DePaul	1	10	.091	3	10	.231
Saturday's Games						
UConn at Villanova, 1 p.m.						
Seton Hall at Georgetown, 5:30 p.m.						
DePaul at St. John's, 7:30 p.m.						
Sunday's Game						
Butler at Xavier, 7 p.m.						

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Michigan	10	1	.909	15	1	.938
Illinois	11	3	.786	15	5	.750
Ohio St.	12	4	.750	18	4	.818
Iowa	10	5	.667	16	6	.727
Purdue	9	6	.600	14	8	.636
Wisconsin	9	7	.563	15	8	.652
Rutgers	8	8	.500	12	8	.600
Indiana	7	7	.500	12	9	.571
Maryland	7	9	.438	13	10	.565
Minnesota	6	9	.400	13	9	.591
Michigan St.	4	9	.308	10	9	.526
Penn St.	4	10	.286	7	11	.389
Northwestern	3	12	.200	6	13	.316
Nebraska	1	11	.083	5	14	.263
Thursday's Games						
Iowa 77, Wisconsin 82						
Ohio St. 92, Penn St. 62						
Michigan 71, Rutgers 64						
Saturday's Games						
Michigan St. at Indiana, Noon						
Illinois at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.						
Purdue at Nebraska, 5:30 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Michigan at Ohio St., 1 p.m.						
Maryland at Rutgers, 3 p.m.						
Penn St. at Iowa, 5 p.m.						
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 7 p.m.						

HORIZON LEAGUE							
Conference	All Games	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Wright St.	15	3	833	17	4	810	
Cleveland St.	15	3	833	15	6	714	
N. Kentucky	10	6	625	12	9	571	
Detroit	8	6	571	9	9	500	
Oakland	9	9	500	9	16	360	
Youngstown St.	8	10	444	13	10	565	
IUPUI	6	8	429	7	8	467	
Milwaukee	6	9	400	7	10	412	
Green Bay	7	11	389	7	15	318	
Ill.-Chicago	5	9	357	8	11	421	
Fort Wayne	5	13	278	6	13	316	
Robert Morris	3	10	231	4	12	250	
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Cleveland St. at Fort Wayne, 5 p.m.  
Oakland at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.  
Wright St. at N. Kentucky, 5 p.m.  
IUPUI at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.  
Green Bay at Ill.-Chicago, 8 p.m.



# LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## A very Swiss good morning

I had my first bircher muesli in Switzerland, where it's a breakfast staple. I was at a breakfast buffet, and a large bowl of what appeared to be a thick and chunky porridge was presented in

**Lynda Balslev**



the center of the table. At first glance, I was unimpressed, but at the prompting of my Swiss friend, I gave it a try. It was fresh, bright and creamy, chock-full of fruit and nuts, and not at all stodgy. Not only did it feel healthy to eat, but it was downright delicious. Bircher muesli is essentially overnight oats. It's a practical and healthy do-ahead meal, reflecting marvelous Swiss sensibilities. A blend of oats and milk or yogurt are muddled together and refrigerated overnight. The next morning, you thin the mixture with more yogurt or milk and fold in fruit and nuts. The result is a nutritious and tasty breakfast that will

energize and propel you through the day – or up an alpine mountain, depending on where you sit. Bircher muesli is named for Maximilian Bircher-Benner, a Swiss physician who created this concoction in the early 1900s as a healthy breakfast alternative. The original recipe included oats, grated apple, dried fruit and condensed milk (fresh milk was not easily available at the time). Since then, myriad variations have evolved. The key is to combine a mixture of oats with a liquid ingredient, such as apple juice, dairy (or nondairy) milk, cream or yogurt, and stash it in the refrigerator where it will rehydrate, bloom and develop flavor overnight. Before serving, additional ingredients such as grated or chopped fruit, nuts, fresh berries, honey or lemon may be added. If you are feeling extra indulgent, a dollop of whipped cream can be folded into the mix. (This is what I call the I-am-on-holiday ingredient.) As with granolas and oat-

meal, you can easily riff on the ingredients, providing you adhere to the oats-to-liquid ratio. This basic recipe includes suggested additions and substitutions.

**Bircher Muesli**  
**Active Time: 10 minutes**  
**Total Time: 10 minutes plus refrigerating time**  
**Yield: Serves 2**

**1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats**  
**1/2 cup apple juice**  
**1/2 cup plain whole milk yogurt, preferably European-style**  
**1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**1 to 2 apples, cored and grated (with skin)**  
**1/4 cup raisins, divided**  
**1/4 cup chopped almonds, divided**  
**Maple syrup or honey for drizzling (optional)**  
**Shaved unsweetened coconut for garnish**

Mix the oats, apple juice, yogurt and cinnamon in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight. The mixture will become quite thick. When ready to serve, stir in the grated apple, half of

the raisins and half of the almonds. Thin the muesli with additional yogurt or milk to your desired consistency. (If you are on holiday, this is when you fold in the whipped cream.) Divide between serving bowls. Drizzle with a little maple syrup, if using, and garnish with the remaining nuts, raisins and the coconut.

**Cranberry Orange Option:**  
Substitute vanilla or honey yogurt for the plain yogurt; orange juice for the apple juice; walnuts for the almonds; dried cranberries for the raisins. Add 1/4 teaspoon finely grated orange zest.

**Pear Cardamom Option:**  
Substitute grated pear for the apple; ground cardamom for the cinnamon; golden raisins for the raisins. Add 1/4 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest. Garnish with minced crystallized ginger.

**Optional Toppings:**  
Sliced fruit or fresh berries  
Pomegranate seeds  
Goji berries  
Chia seeds

## That cat lawyer video was funny – here's why mental health experts say you should watch more like it

**By ALISON BOWEN**  
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

The lawyer was stuck as a cat. The video circulating recently of a lawyer stuck with a Zoom filter of a cat was one of the latest things making us laugh. Whether we're enjoying cute animal videos or quick comedian bits, in a year that has included many layers of stress, a brief laugh can be vital. "It is a break and a distraction," said Jocelyn Carter, an associate professor of psychology in DePaul University's College of Science and Health. "Our body really likes it when we take breaks to laugh or even just to breathe or sit in a different way." She herself shared the cat video among her family. "One of the things that

made it relatable is everyone is on Zoom all the time," she said. "It activates a lot of different touch points that we could all relate to, and so the juxtaposition of the cat with the people doing their normal work just made us realize how ridiculous this situation is that we are all in." Since our bodies and minds do adapt to situations, it can be easy to miscalculate how much stress these unprecedented circumstances can create, she noted. On top of an almost year-long pandemic, there have been prominent examples of police brutality and racial injustice, discrimination against Asians, election stress and coronavirus-related parenting struggles, she said. "I think we forget that,"

she said. "We're pretty good at adapting to hard things, but we have just had layers and layers of them." By this time, she said, most people have developed coping strategies. "I think we also probably aren't aware of the toll that all of this adaptation has taken on our bodies and our minds and our mental health." While under stress, our bodies ramp up production of hormones that help us respond. But it's helpful to give the body a reminder to not constantly hold onto a chronic stress response, Carter said. A funny or silly video is a reminder that even things that seem stressful – a mistake in an important meeting – can turn out OK. "We can't pay attention to everything all at the same time all at the same level of

focus," she said. "Laughing or engaging in other activities that are pleasurable help actually give the body a feedback system that it's OK to relax and it's OK to recover." So watch more videos. Plan breaks in your day for a few breaths, or a few laughs. And use the videos as a way to socially interact, she suggested. Most of us are unable to see our friends or colleagues regularly. Setting up a phone or video chat might feel like more unwanted screen time. But a text with a funny video or meme might be the perfect quick hit of friendship. "Reach out to someone in your life and share that with them, and that'll help you, and that'll help them," she said.

## Another reason not to opt for a tax refund loan: It may delay your next stimulus payment

This is the year to get your taxes done early. With the tax season already delayed, the faster you file electronically and elect direct deposit, the sooner you will get your refund. But for many people, "soon" is not soon enough. Millions of people end up forking over more fees for two types of tax products that allow them to get their money faster or delay paying tax preparation costs upfront – a refund advance loan (RAL) or a refund anticipation check (RAC), also known as a refund transfer. Tempting though they sound, these add-on tax preparation products are a bad deal. "In a year of crisis where those with the least have been impacted the most by the pandemic, this money is more critical than ever," Michael Best, a staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) and co-author of a new report on how the 2021 tax season will impact vulnerable taxpayers, said in an email.



**Michelle Singletary**

A refund advance loan, which may also be referred to as a refund anticipation loan, does just what its name implies. People take out a loan backed by the refund they are due from the IRS. Typically, to qualify for an RAL, filers have their tax preparation provider e-file their returns. A temporary bank account is set up by the tax preparer. The refund is then deposited directly into that account. A refund anticipation check allows people to delay paying for their tax preparation. The fee for an RAC and any other charges are deducted from your refund before you receive the money. The balance of the refund is then provided to the taxpayer by direct deposit, check or a prepaid debit card. RAC fees typically range from \$30 to \$40, according to the NCLC report, which was released last week.

Looking at just the RAC fee, it may seem reasonable, especially if you don't have to pay the cost of your tax preparation upfront. But paying \$40 to defer a tax preparation fee of \$300 for just three weeks is equivalent to paying an annual rate of 232 percent for what amounts to a short-term loan, said Chi Chi Wu, a staff attorney at NCLC, in an interview.

RALs have had an awful history of onerous charges. In the past, the refund loan products featured fees that translated into triple-digit annual percentage rates. Under complaints from consumer groups, many in the industry reinvented the product, offering refund loans with no fees or interest. However, preparers end up recouping the cost of the loans in other ways, Wu said.

Lenders charge preparers a fee for each approved RAL, which gives preparers an incentive to upsell other services or tack on extra costs, such as a fee to file electronically, Wu said. Want the preparer to send your refund by check? That'll be \$25.

And if you end up paying interest on an RAL, disclosed interest rates are up to 39.95 percent, according to the NCLC report.

In 2019, taxpayers took out about 2 million refund advance loans and 21 million refund anticipation checks. "Consumers may not understand that choosing a RAC does not deliver the refund more quickly. Instead, it basically works as a short-term loan of the tax return preparation fee by deferring payment of that fee until the refund arrives," said the NCLC report, which warns about the cost of impatience.

Neither an RAL nor an RAC is really necessary. Although many people are still waiting for their 2019 refunds because of coronavirus-related processing delays, if you file your return electronically and elect direct deposit, you can get your refund in about three weeks, according to the IRS.

Here's another reason to steer clear of refund products, especially with a new round of stimulus payments possibly on the way: Millions of people who filed their taxes via H&R Block, TurboTax and other services faced delays in getting their money during the first and second round of stimulus payments because the IRS sent the money to the wrong account. The agency had the temporary bank account information for taxpayers who received a refund advance loan or had the fee for tax preparation taken out of their tax refund.

Perhaps a third time will be the charm and there won't be any glitches for people who use tax preparation products. But if you're anxious to get your money, eliminate the middle man.

"If you want to make sure you get that stimulus payment, use direct deposit. You put your own bank account on your tax return, Wu said. "That way, the IRS has your bank account information."

Understandably, preparing your own return can be intimidating. You may not feel capable of doing it yourself, so you hire someone to file it for you. But count all the costs of the preparation services.

Or save money and look for free help. The IRS's "Free File" program offers assistance to taxpayers who have a 2020 adjusted gross income of \$72,000 or less. Go to IRS.gov/freefile. Low- and middle-income taxpayers can avoid fees altogether by using one of several free alternatives for tax return preparation and filing services, Wu pointed out.

There's also the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free filing to people who have disabilities, are not proficient in English or earn an income below \$57,000. The IRS's Tax Counseling for the Elderly program provides free tax help, as well. The AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program offers assistance at no cost to anyone who cannot afford a tax preparation service. You can find a local Tax-Aide site at [taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/request-help](https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/request-help). AARP's service also has volunteers who can coach you through filing your taxes using your own computer while screen-sharing.

The push for the tax products is enticing. But don't rush for your refund and end up giving away the money you need.

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# Story of wrongful conviction is shared without permission

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a gay man in my late 40s, partnered with a man in his late 50s. There are a lot of issues from my past that I try hard to move beyond and let go of. I was wrongly accused and convicted of a crime I didn't commit, for which I was sentenced to time in prison. I sat in prison seven years before I was able to prove my innocence and regain my freedom. Even then, I was forced to accept certain requirements to keep my freedom, regardless of being proven innocent. Unfortunately, I'm finding it difficult because my partner keeps sharing my story with people who are complete strangers to me. When they meet me, the first words out of their mouths are things like: "You poor man, I'm so sorry," or "Wow, I can't believe you went through that," and "Man, you must be a strong person to have gotten through that."

## Dear Abby



How do I move past this, if he keeps telling people a story that is NOT his to tell, but mine to disclose if I choose to do so? The shame and embarrassment of facing this trauma of my past on a regular basis isn't healthy for me. How can I get him to understand that he needs to stop doing it?

I'm afraid to say anything to him about it. He dismisses my feelings most of the time when I bring up things he does that upset me.

I love this man with all of my heart. He was one of only two people who stood by me during my trauma and made it possible to prove my innocence. He was also my "first." My love for him has only grown over the years, but this issue of my story being revealed has to stop. — Frustrated In The Midwest

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** You not only have to speak up, but you also have to be heard. That your much older partner dismisses your feelings is controlling and condescending. He has no right to disclose VERY personal information about you with strangers.

You wrote that this is your first relationship. If this continues, it may not be your last. Present it to your partner in exactly these terms. Couples counseling may save your relationship, but only if the balance of power is adjusted.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was friends with my guy before getting into a relationship with him seven years ago. The problem is, I feel like we are not growing. He is still living with his mom, we have no plans for the future, etc.

At least once a year, I ask him how he views our relationship, but I only get the same response that things are fine the way they are. I have now started back in college while maintaining a full-time job, but I'm so frustrated I feel like giving up on the relationship and moving on. I'm actually stuck between a breakup and keeping a friendship. Any advice? — Uncertain In Alabama

**DEAR UNCERTAIN:** Of course your "guy" thinks things are fine the way they are. They are — for him. I'm delighted you decided to return to college and get your degree. By doing so, you are taking control of your life, which is moving in the right direction.

Please understand that you may not only outgrow the relationship, but also this young man. By all means, keep him as a friend if you can. Be a role model if he's able to learn from your example, but continue to broaden your horizons.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Kept secret
- 4 Join wood
- 8 Hepburn nickname
- 12 Citrus drink
- 13 Actor Alan
- 14 Type of mitt
- 15 Attack word
- 16 Loud noise
- 17 Well-ventilated
- 18 Foot, slangily
- 20 Yellow fruit
- 22 Posh hotel lobbies
- 23 Is, to Fritz
- 24 Dinosaur's place
- 28 A Gershwin
- 31 LP player (hyph.)
- 34 Starfish part
- 35 Male hog
- 36 Battery chemical
- 37 Enjoy a fine brandy
- 38 Part of a.m.
- 39 Oilers org.
- 40 Treasure holders
- 42 "— Te Ching"

### 44 Slicked up

- 48 Saffron dish
- 51 Kind of envelope
- 52 Shrek, for one
- 53 Bikini tops
- 55 Boys, if they grow up
- 56 Bird feeder treat
- 57 Run away suddenly
- 58 Harvest moon mo.
- 59 Dramatic intro (hyph.)
- 60 Capably
- 61 Sault — Marie

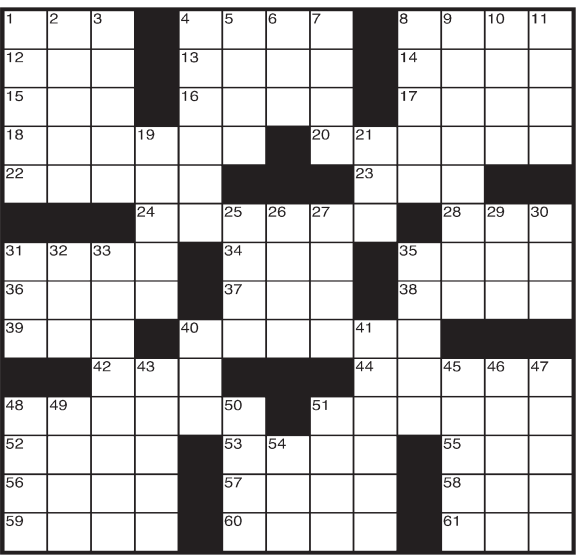
### DOWN

- 1 "— la vista!"
- 2 Blockhead
- 3 Wallpaper, etc.
- 4 Popular cruise stop
- 5 Join forces
- 6 Mont.
- 7 Ewe's offspring
- 8 Zen riddles

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



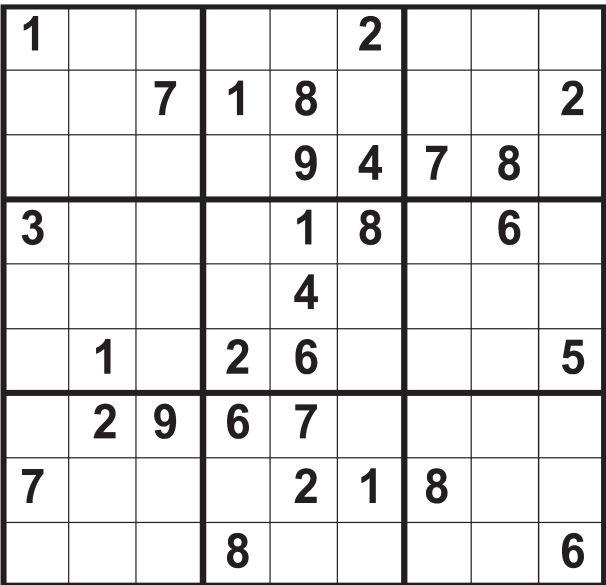
- 9 Pilot's field
- 10 Gull cousin
- 11 New Age singer
- 19 Bashful
- 21 Draw a bead on
- 25 Cumberbund
- 26 Cleveland's waters
- 27 Refs' cousins
- 29 Maze runner
- 30 "— we having fun yet?"
- 31 "Star Wars" rogue
- 32 I, to Wolfgang
- 33 Strained
- 35 Sink
- 40 Blimp title
- 41 Nice and warm
- 43 Prince Arn's mother
- 45 Prom vehicles
- 46 Go to the polls
- 47 "Divine Comedy" poet
- 48 Put up a notice
- 49 Water, in Tijuana
- 50 "Waterloo" pop group
- 51 Teen hangout
- 54 Hold up



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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



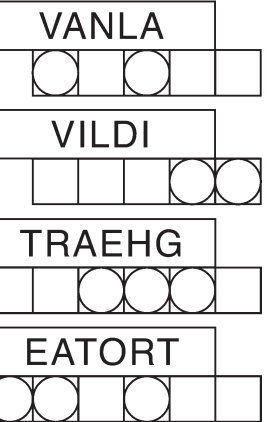
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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4	5	2	8	1	6	7	9	3
1	3	6	9	4	7	2	8	5
7	2	3	4	9	5	6	1	8
6	9	1	7	8	2	3	5	4
5	4	8	6	3	1	9	2	7
8	1	9	3	7	4	5	6	2
3	6	4	5	2	9	8	7	1
2	7	5	1	6	8	4	3	9

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans. here: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Yesterday's Jumbles: HONEY DWELL MANAGE THWART  
Answer: An instrument's sounds can be written down using lines and symbols to — DENOTE THEM

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

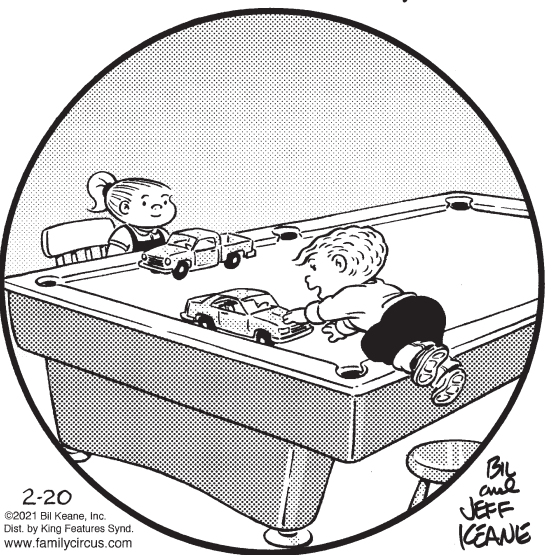


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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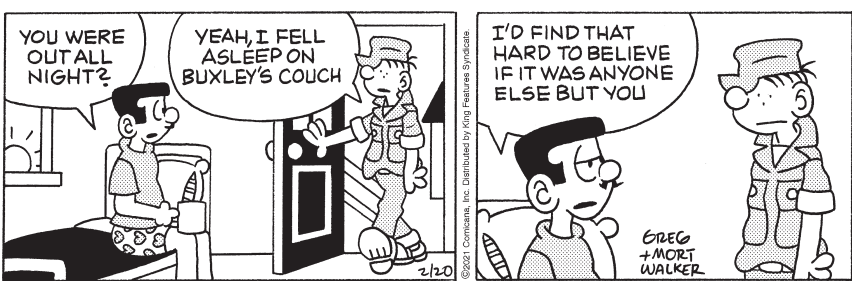
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By Bil Keane

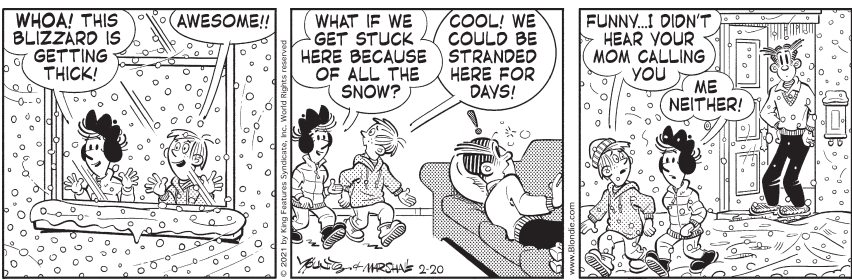


"I like this table 'cause they built curbs for me to park at."

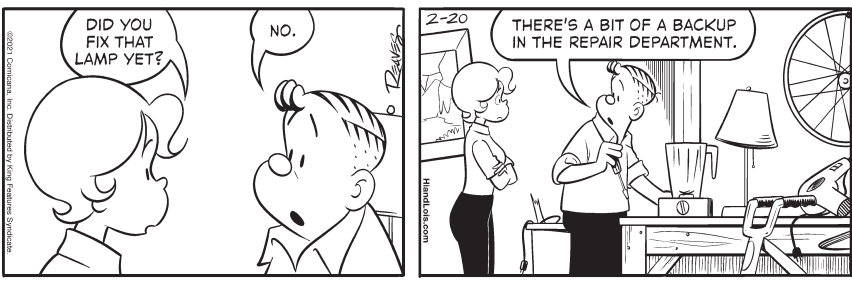
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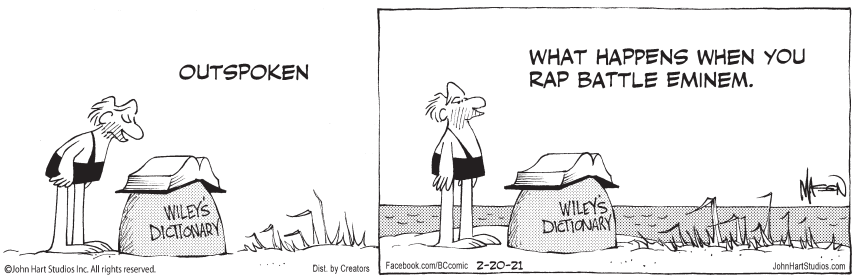
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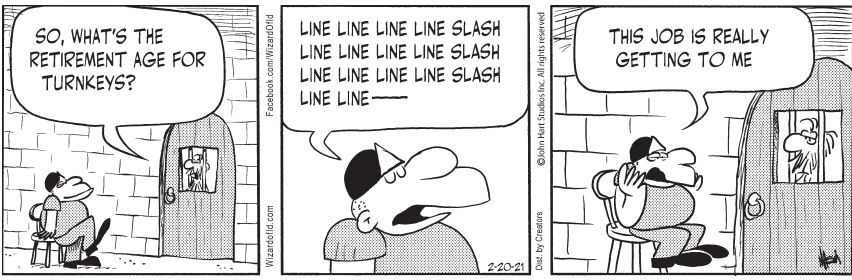
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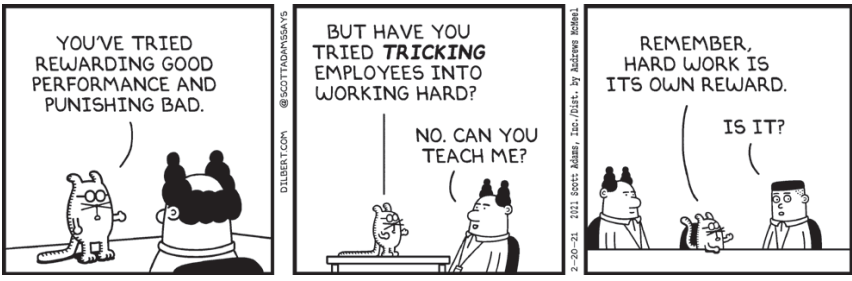
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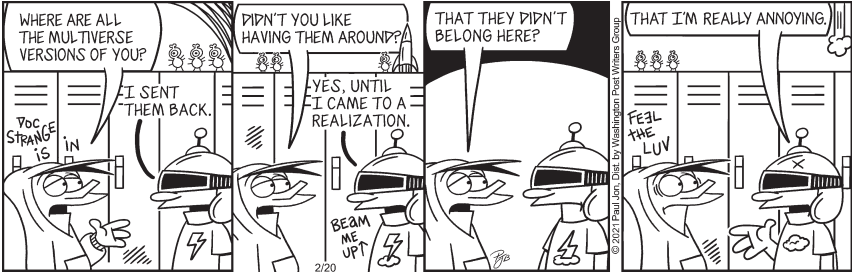
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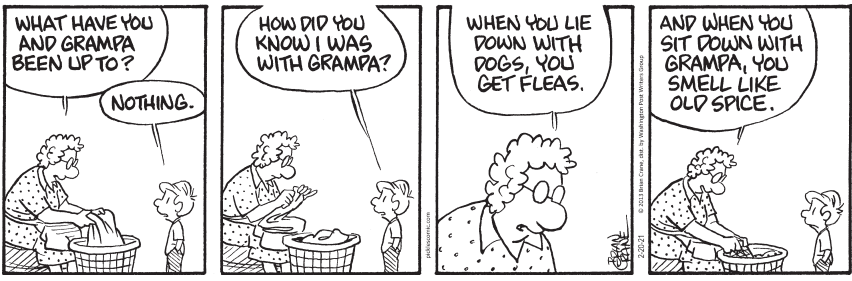
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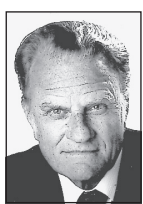


# The kingdom of God is peace and joy

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I am having a hard time being joyful. Discouragement follows me. Living through COVID-19 has deepened my sorrow and loneliness. What is the secret to overcoming this horrible emotion and finding peace and happiness? — S.L.

## Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** We should be a "glimmer" for someone who may be discouraged. The Bible tells us to apply our hearts unto wisdom (Psalm 90:12). While our tendency is to live in the past and sometimes dread the future, it is important to remember that the devil wants us to live discouraged lives. If we focus on what is bad we pull the shade on future's light. We must put our eyes on others and most important is to

keep our eyes on Jesus.

Desire to live an outgoing, outflowing life in the context of eternity. When Jesus left this earth after His resurrection, He said, "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7). That Helper is the Holy Spirit of the living God.

Do not be trapped by the world's darkness. If we belong to Jesus Christ, we are children of light. We must remember when we're dis-

couraged how much more encouraged others are. Make a point to be pleasant and smile. People from every race and culture respond to a smile. Try it and you will see. There is indeed so much unpleasantness in this world, but the Bible says that the kingdom of God is peace and joy (Romans 14:17).

We will never be free from discouragement and despondency until we know and walk with the very fountainhead of joy, the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" D D S G L S C G X C X G J L F L S S & G L N N L W  
O J X V R S G D N G J L M F W M P M I J L L O M  
P B Z D I V B S C H W X P P M I X N C C L B C  
H D S Z L W O." — F L S S T D N N L G G L

Previous Solution: "I think if you would have cut Houdini with a knife, blood wouldn't come out, PR would." — Criss Angel

TODAY'S CLUE: U s l a n b e R







Legals

<div>NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE Wabash County Indiana Beginning 10:00 AM, April 14, 2021 Local Time STATE OF INDIANA</div> <div>WABASH COUNTY Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Wabash County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and / or special assessments. The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Wabash County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on April 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at the Wabash County Courthouse Commissioners Room. At the discretion of local officials, the sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-6.3(c) at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the sale. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Authority from, or proof of registration with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request. A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate. If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive. The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Dated: 02/18/2021</div> <div><div><div><div><div><div>Tax Unit Name:Chester Township</div><div>Owner of Record: Francis David A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000005</div><div>Property ID#: 85-07-21-202-007.000-001</div><div>Brief Legal Description: FAUST 1ST (SERVIA) LOT 16 DITCH 587&amp; 617</div><div>Property Address: 55 S Mulberry St Lot 1 Servia 46980</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Francis David A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000006</div><div>Property ID#: 85-07-21-202-008.000-001</div><div>Brief Legal Description: FAUST 1ST (SERVIA) LOT 15 DITCH 587</div><div>Property Address: 55 S Mulberry Lot 1 St North Manchester 46962</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Francis David A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000007</div><div>Property ID#: 85-07-21-202-036.000-001</div><div>Brief Legal Description: FAUSTS 1ST (SERVIA) LOT 7 &amp; N1/2 LOT 8 DITCH 587</div><div>Property Address: 170 S Main St Servia 46980</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div><div>Tax Unit Name:North Manchester Corporation</div><div>Owner of Record: Thomas Angela M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000011</div><div>Property ID#: 85-07-05-103-018.000-002</div><div>Brief Legal Description: HYMERS LOT 31</div><div>Property Address: 707 Colfax St North Manchester 46962</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div><div>Tax Unit Name:Lagro Township</div><div>Owner of Record: Shelton Chris M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000012</div><div>Property ID#: 85-11-06-304-011.000-003</div><div>Brief Legal Description: SPEICHERS 3RD (URBANA) LOTS 38 &amp; 39 DITCH 584, 660 &amp; 664</div><div>Property Address: 171 N 1st St Urbana 46990</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Norfolk Southern Corp</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000013</div><div>Property ID#: 85-11-07-101-018.000-003</div><div>Brief Legal Description: SCHULTZ ADDN (URBANA) EXC W 20' LOT 9 (16'X132') EXC W 20'</div><div>Property Address: E Half St Urbana 46990</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Prickett Mary L</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000014</div><div>Property ID#: 85-11-07-101-038.000-003</div><div>Brief Legal Description: SPEICHERS 2ND (URBANA) LOT 20 DITCH 584, 660 &amp; 664</div><div>Property Address: College St Urbana 46990</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Dyson Jeffrey Donald</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000023</div><div>Property ID#: 85-11-34-100-002.000-003</div><div>Brief Legal Description: BRADYS 7 &amp; 16 &amp; PT NE1/4 34-28-7 11.10AC</div><div>Property Address: Old State Road 24 Lagro 46941</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div><div>Tax Unit Name:Lagro Corporation</div><div>Owner of Record: Dyson Jeffrey Donald</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000025</div><div>Property ID#: 85-11-34-103-001.000-004</div><div>Brief Legal Description: BRADYS PT 8 &amp; 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Christine Baker</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000045</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-303-042.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: WESTERN PT FR 45</div><div>Property Address: Main St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>Owner of Record: Young John L &amp; Wanda F</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000046</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-401-033.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: NORTHERN ADD N 90' W 50' 57 NORTHERN N 52' 58</div><div>Property Address: 189 Huntington St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: France Richard</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000049</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-402-097.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT SE1/4 11-27-6</div><div>Property Address: 521 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Hai Minh Ventures Llc</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000050</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-402-107.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NE1/4 SE1/4 11-27-6 .16AC</div><div>Property Address: 585 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Leach Donald L</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000051</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-402-116.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT SW1/4 N RIVER 11-27-6 .04AC</div><div>Property Address: 693 Calhoun St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Boss Construction &amp; Properties Llc D/b/a B's Construct</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000052</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-403-019.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: OP LOT 230</div><div>Property Address: 213 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Dmi Consulting Inc</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000055</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-404-026.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: HANNAS EASTERN W1/2 LOT 108 &amp; 23X132 LOT 107</div><div>Property Address: 453 E Main St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Yoke Christina &amp; Chancey Colwell</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000056</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-101-094.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NW1/4 96X214 12-27-6 .50AC</div><div>Property Address: 816 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Langley Maxine &amp; Leonard W</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000057</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-101-096.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NW1/4 12-27-6</div><div>Property Address: 810 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Black Donald James</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000058</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-101-097.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NW1/4 12-27-6 .33AC</div><div>Property Address: 808 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Jones Howard C</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000059</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-111-013.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: BD OF TRADE 345</div><div>Property Address: Minnie St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Hoslier William &amp; Cynthia</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000060</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-111-023.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NW1/4 12-27-6 .50AC</div><div>Property Address: 760 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Kisla Terry</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000061</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-12-131-019.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT NW1/4 12-27-6 .45AC</div><div>Property Address: 782 E Hill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Nelson Rick &amp; Barbara J</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000063</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-14-102-111.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: MURPHYS E 40' LOT 9</div><div>Property Address: 52 Berry St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Slone Donald A/k/a Donald Sloan</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000064</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-14-104-004.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: LUTZ ADDN LOT 6</div><div>Property Address: 268 Smith St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Tyson Junior Lee &amp; Barbara A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000065</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-114-016.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: ELDORADO COMMON AREA LOT 15 (.26AC)</div><div>Property Address: Eldorado Dr Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Johnson James E &amp; Bettie S</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000066</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-203-002.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: THOMPSON &amp; TAYLOR E 55' LOT 13</div><div>Property Address: 969 Stitt St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Mc Cord Jerry &amp; Peggy</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000069</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-203-069.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PHILIP HIPSKIND LOT 11</div><div>Property Address: 331 Alena St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Eberly Brad M &amp; April M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000070</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-234-024.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TURGIS PT W PT LOT 8</div><div>Property Address: Falls Ave Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Johnson Richard A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000071</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-302-027.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: E &amp; H SUB CHAS SEC 15-27-6 .08AC</div><div>Property Address: Mill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Johnson Richard A</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000072</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-302-028.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: PT CHARLIE RES 15-27-6 .085AC</div><div>Property Address: Mill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Wilcox Michael &amp; Colleen</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000073</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-40-304-061.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: MC CARTYS S1/2 W50' LOT 6 MILLS ST</div><div>Property Address: 978 Mill St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Dmi Consulting Inc</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000078</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-63-204-013.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: J S PIKES LOT 14</div><div>Property Address: 1326 Adams St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Ingersoll Financial Midwest Land Trust</div><div>Sale ID#: 852009999</div><div>Property ID#: 85-14-11-201-070.000-009</div><div>Brief Legal Description: SPRING GARDEN LOT 6</div><div>Property Address: 758 N Spring St Wabash 46992</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div><div>Tax Unit Name:Pleasant Township</div><div>Owner of Record: Feathers Lillie May</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000091</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-010.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 7 BLK 5</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Roberts Patricia M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000092</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-018.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 3 BLK 5</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Gouvan Frank E &amp; Myra G</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000093</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-025.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKE EST UNIT 2 11/4</div><div>Property Address: Minnow Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Gouvan Frank E &amp; Myra G</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000094</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-026.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKE EST UNIT 2 10/4</div><div>Property Address: Minnow Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div></div><div><div><div>Owner of Record: Roberts Patricia M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000095</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-031.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 16 BLK 4</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minjimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Rousch Joseph P &amp; Joseph L</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000096</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-033.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 17 BLK 4</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Musick Anna E &amp; Irene S Goodman</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000097</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-034.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES UNIT 2 LOTS 5 &amp; 6 BLK 4</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Rousch Joseph P &amp; Joseph L</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000098</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-035.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 18/4</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Mikell Betty Lou</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000099</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKE EST UNIT 2 LOT 13 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Minnow Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Fixpert Inc</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000100</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-046.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 12 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Minnow Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Maples James Blain &amp; Effie Mae</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000101</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-049.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 14 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Freeland Anna</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000102</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-050.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 9/3 9A 11</div><div>Property Address: Bass Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Mayes Paul</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000103</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-051.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 15 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Mayes Paul</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000104</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-053.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 16 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Roberts Patricia M</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000105</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-054.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 7 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Bass Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Hoyt Willard &amp; Sarah</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000106</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-063.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 22/3</div><div>Property Address: Turtle Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Hoyt Willard &amp; Sarah</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000107</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-064.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 21/3</div><div>Property Address: Turtle Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Hudson Carl</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000108</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-065.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 2 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Turtle Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000109</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-401-066.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 2 LOT 1 BLK 3</div><div>Property Address: Turtle Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Stanton Daniel C Sr</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000110</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-042.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 11/6</div><div>Property Address: Turtle Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000111</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-047.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 14 BLK 6</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000112</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-049.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 15 BLK 6</div><div>Property Address: Bluegill Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000113</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-050.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 6 BLK 6</div><div>Property Address: Bass Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000114</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-052.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 5 BLK 6</div><div>Property Address: Bass Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000115</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-054.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 4 BLK 6</div><div>Property Address: Bass Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Young Jacquelyn M &amp; Fred A Sr</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000116</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-077.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 20/4</div><div>Property Address: Pike Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Sprancmanis Vilmars</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000117</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-097.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 23 BLK 9 DITCH 640A</div><div>Property Address: Lukens Lake Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Sprancmanis Vilmars</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000118</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-098.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 6 BLK 9 DITCH 640A</div><div>Property Address: Crappie Rd Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000119</div><div>Property ID#: 85-01-35-403-194.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: TWIN LAKES EST UNIT 1 LOT 18 BLK 2</div><div>Property Address: Lakeshore Dr Silver Lake 46982</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div><div><div>Owner of Record: Fischer Dana</div><div>Sale ID#: 852000124</div><div>Property ID#: 85-06-10-404-039.000-012</div><div>Brief Legal Description: OP (LAKE TON) E1/2 LOTS 55, 56, 68 &amp; 69</div><div>Property Address: 165 W Lake St North Manchester 46962</div><div>Minimum Bid: \$200.00</div></div></div><div>Total Number of Properties: 67</div><div>I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Wabash County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.</div><div>Given under my hand and seal on 02/18/2021.</div><div>Marcie J. Shepherd, Auditor, Wabash County Indiana.</div><div>HSPAXLP: 02/20,02/27,03/06/2021</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 85-21-0006-SS  
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00 am  
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff’s Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street  
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$639,994.01  
Cause Number: 85D01-2008-MF-000550  
Plaintiff: FIRST FARMERS BANK SZ TRUST  
Defendant: MATTHEW D. SCHULER AKA MATTHEW DANIEL SCHULER AKA MATT D. SCHULER and AMANDA E. SCHULER;  
AND CYNTHIA JEAN SCHULER

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: The following described real estate situated in Wabash County, State of Indiana: TRACT I: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East (assumed bearing), along the east line of said quarter, 1369.27 feet to a magnail marking the northeast corner of a 20.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2006R393540 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder’s Office and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence continuing South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the east line of said quarter also being the east line of said 20.00 acre tract of land, 600.00 feet to a magnail marking the southeast corner of said 20.00 acre tract; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, along the south line of said 20.00 acre tract. 592.49 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker Stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds West, 155.21 feet to an eight (8) inch wooden corner post; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the south line of said 20.0 acre tract; 311.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel to the east line of said quarter, 824.21 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the south line of said quarter; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, along the south line of said quarter, 1107.54 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the southeast corner of a 22.299 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2008R404390 found on file in the Wabash County Recorder’s Office; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the west line of said quarter and along the east line of said 22.299 acre tract, 1268.73 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the northeast corner of said 22.299 acre tract; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, along the north line of said 20.00 acre tract, 2002.41 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 43.469 acres, more or less. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: That part of the above described property conveyed to Cynthia Jean Schuler, by Warranty Deed, recorded March 26, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020R461629, in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, of Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, (assumed bearing), along the South line of said Quarter, 762.66 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS and the, POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence continuing South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, 1249.10 feet to the Southwest corner of a 43.469 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2018R453343 also being the Southeast corner of a 22.299 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2008R404390 found on file in the Wabash County Recorder’s Office; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Quarter and along the West line of said 43.469 acre tract, 1268.73 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the Northwest corner of said 43.469 acre tract; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, along the North line of said 43.469 acre tract, 2002.41 feet to a mag nail on the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 200.00 feet to a mag nail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 69 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds West, 63.98 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South half of said Southeast Quarter, 177.87 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the right; thence Northwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 101.79 feet, having a radius of 120.00 feet, a central angle of 48 degrees 36 minutes 08 seconds and having a chord that bears North 66 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds West 98.77 feet; thence North 41 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West, 35.13 feet to a wooden stake set; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South half of said Southeast Quarter, 314.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds East, 145.45 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 01 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 48.16 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 63.16 feet, a radius of 58.73 feet, a central angle of 61 degrees 36 minutes 57 seconds, and having a chord that bears South 28 degrees 50 minutes 03 seconds East 60.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, 20.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, 84.96 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 362.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.141 acres more or less. Subject to a right-of-way for Wabash County Road 600 West and subject to easements, rights of way and restrictions of record. Commonly known as: 5178 North 600 West, Wabash, Indiana 46992 Parcel No. 85-09-01-400-013.000-010 TRACT II: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East (assumed bearing), along the east line of said quarter, 1369.27 feet to a magnail marking the northeast corner of a 20.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2006R393540 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder’s Office; thence continuing South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the east line of said quarter also being the east line of said 20.00 acre tract of land, 600.00 feet to a magnail marking the southeast corner of said 20.00 acre tract and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, along the south line of said 20.00 acre tract, 592.49 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds West, 155.21 feet to an eight (8) inch wooden corner post; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the south line of said 20.00 acre tract, 311.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel to the east line of said quarter, 824.21 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the south line of said quarter; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, along the south line of said quarter, 904.21 feet to a Wabash County Section corner monument, marking the southeast corner of said Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West, along the east line of said quarter, 669.28 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 15.00 acres, more or less. Subject to a right-of-way for Wabash County Road 600 West and subject to easements, rights of way and restrictions of record. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: That part of the above described property conveyed to Cynthia Jean Schuler, by Warranty Deed, recorded March 26, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020R461629, in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: A part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, of Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, (assumed bearing), along the South line of said Quarter, 762.66 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS and the, POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence continuing South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, 1249.10 feet to the Southwest corner of a 43.469 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2018R453343 also being the Southeast corner of a 22.299 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2008R404390 found on file in the Wabash County Recorder’s Office; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Quarter and along the West line of said 43.469 acre tract, 1268.73 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the Northwest corner of said 43.469 acre tract; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, along the North line of said 43.469 acre tract, 2002.41 feet to a mag nail on the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 200.00 feet to a mag nail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 69 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds West, 63.98 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South half of said Southeast Quarter, 177.87 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the right; thence Northwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 101.79 feet, having a radius of 120.00 feet, a central angle of 48 degrees 36 minutes 08 seconds and having a chord that bears North 66 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds West 98.77 feet; thence North 41 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West, 35.13 feet to a wooden stake set; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South half of said Southeast Quarter, 314.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds East, 145.45 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 01 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 48.16 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 63.16 feet, a radius of 58.73 feet, a central angle of 61 degrees 36 minutes 57 seconds, and having a chord that bears South 28 degrees 50 minutes 03 seconds West 60.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, 20.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, 84.96 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 362.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.141 acres more or less. FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM: The property conveyed to Cynthia Donovan, by Warranty Deed, recorded May 15, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020R462248, in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: A part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, of the Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West, (assumed bearing), along the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 619.28 feet to a mag nail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, 570.24 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 04 degrees 05 minutes 04 seconds West, 193.71 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 57 seconds West, 95.93 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 115.55 feet, having a radius of 83.89 feet, a central angle of 78 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds and having a chord that bears South 50 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West 106.63 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 362.97 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the South line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, 762.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 10.00 acres more or less. Commonly Known as: TRACT I: 5178 NORTH 600 WEST AND TRACT II: 5132 NORTH 600 WEST, WABASH, IN 46992 Parcel No. Tract I: 85-09-01-400-013.000-010; Tract II: 85-09-01-400-007.000-010 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners. \* An entire Sheriff’s Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff’s Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff’s Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs. James E Carlberg, Plaintiff’s Attorney     Ryan Baker, Sheriff Attorney No. 3117-49 Bose McKinney & Evans LLP     By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant 111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700     Phone: (260) 563-8891 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 684-5000     Paw Paw Township

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WABASH, IN 46992

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Unfurnished Apartments	Homes for Rent	Homes for Rent
<b>2 BR</b> 624 S Boots St; \$100/wk; basic utilities included  <b>3 BR</b> 616 S Boots St; \$110/wk; tenant pays electric  JONESBORO <b>2 BR</b> 224 E 10th St; \$120/wk; tenant pays electric  Call us at 765-662-1499 or visit our website www.hoosierrental group.com for more information	<b>MARION</b>  <b>2 BR</b> 1030 N Branson St; \$350/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>2 BR</b> 2900 E Bradford Pk; \$600/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>2 BR</b> 920 S Boots St; \$300/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>2 BR</b> 1625 W 9th St; \$550/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>3 BR</b> 501 W 1st St; \$500/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>3 BR</b> 915 Mason Blvd; \$600/mo; tenant pays all utilities  <b>4 BR</b> 523 E Swayzee St; \$650/mo; tenant pays all utilities	<b>3 BR</b> 412 E South C St; \$700/mo; tenant pays all utilities  Call us at 765-662-1499 or visit our website www.hoosierrental group.com for more information  <b>Rooms for Rent</b>  <b>MARION, IN</b> Large furnished bedroom for rent in a large private home near MGH, 1.5 acres, pond. \$350/395 mo or \$100/weekly upon approval, plus \$200 deposit. All utilities, kitchen, pantry, 1/2 frig, TV, WIFI, Cable, HBO, SHO, MAX, STARZ, parking included Working preferred. call for more information, Jim or Diane (916)995-4400
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Homes for Rent	<b>3 BR</b> 318 E South C St; \$600/mo; tenant pays all utilities	<b>REAL ESTATE FOR SALE</b>

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## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


## LUTHERAN


**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

## UNITED METHODIST

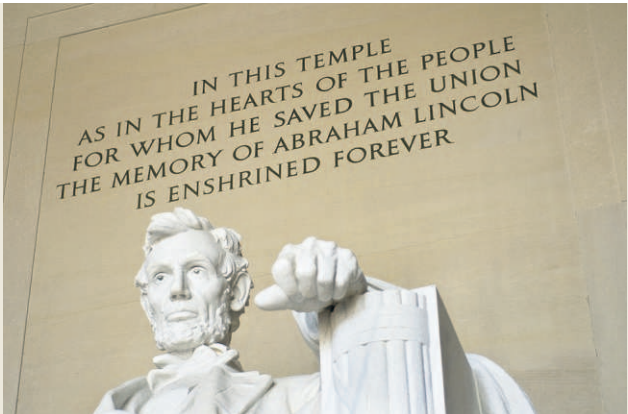
 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Scripture Readings					
1 Cor.	Colossians	John	John	John	Luke
13:1-13	3:1-17	3:1-21	3:22-36	14:15-31	15:1-10
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